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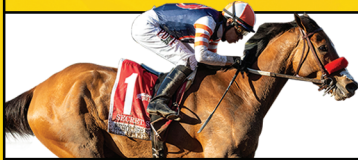
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Marvelous mares of the Mid-Atlantic, Part 2

They're crucial to the whole industry, and perhaps its most noble participants, and in a continuation of our feature from March we visit with more notable broodmares around the region. By Sara Gordon and Cindy Deubler. [Page 28](#)

Playing the field with Brooks Robinson

He made his Hall of Fame name spearing ground balls at third base and banging out hits for the Baltimore Orioles decades ago, but a Brooks Robinson plies his trade at Laurel Park these days as a Maryland-bred multiple winner. Horse and human got a chance to meet in February. By Linda Dougherty. [Page 40](#)

MATCH Series speeds into new year

An idea worth revisiting, the remade MATCH Series proves to be a popular stop for regional horses and horsemen. By Cindy Deubler. [Page 44](#)

Firenze Fire, Majestic Reason shine at Laurel

Laurel Park's Winter Sprintfest showcased a variety of quality performances, led by Firenze Fire in the General George and Maryland-bred Majestic Reason in the Barbara Fritchie. By Joe Clancy. [Page 48](#)

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Cover: Majestic Reason and a celebrating Trevor McCarthy reach the finish line in the Grade 3 Barbara Fritchie, showcase of the Winter Sprintfest at Laurel Park in February. Photo by Lydia A. Williams



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Hansel Handicap, Virginia Restricted, 2yo colts & geldings, handicap, 5.5 f dirt, \$60,000

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August 1st Virginia-Bred & Sired Stake

Jamestown Stakes: VA-Bred or Sired 2yo colts & fillies, 5.5 f turf, \$100,000

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Victory Gallop Stakes, 3 yo, 6 f dirt, \$100,00

Chesapeake Stakes, 3 & up 7 f dirt, \$100,000

Da Hoss Stakes, 3 & up, 5.5 f turf, \$100,000

Seeking the Pearl Stakes, F&M 3 & up, 7 f dirt, \$100,000

Old Nelson Stakes, F&M3 & up, 1 1/16 turf, \$100,000



August 20th–22nd *New Virginia Restricted Handicap Series

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POST TIME

FETCHING.

Broodmares Madison Avenue (left) and No keep their eyes on Pounce at Maryland's Safely Home Farm.

JoAnn Hayden





SAY IT AGAIN

“I said, ‘You can fire me, but I think this is a good buy.’”

Racing manager Joe Cassidy, on convincing owner Greg Bentley to buy Alwaysmining (now a multiple stakes winner of \$536,442) in 2018

“He had speed. He could run at Keeneland and not get beat too badly there, but it was more because he was a Maryland-bred. We could get lucky, like we did, but if we didn’t he could run for \$35,000 or whatever and get a piece here and there in a Maryland-bred race.”

Cassidy, on the reason he lobbied for the purchase

“That guy was kind of yelling at me. Dude, I’ll tell you when I enter.

But it’s fun, he’s that kind of horse, people like him.”

Trainer Kelly Rubley, after a fan asked her (loudly and repeatedly)

where Alwaysmining might run next after winning the John B. Campbell at Laurel Feb. 15

“The first horse I bought at auction was by Not For Love out of Love Spanish . . . so, Mr. Amore, right?”

Owner Ron Lombardi, whose horses run under the name Mr Amore Stable

“Go home and watch the mare. That’s how you do it, right?”

Trainer Jerry Robb, on how he and wife Gina would celebrate the 2,000th win of his career

“Gail comes to the races and cheers. And we go to the barn or farm and give them treats.”

New Jersey owner/breeder Joe Coles, on the role he and partner Gail Shaw play in their horses’ lives



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Robb reaches 2,000 training wins



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Jerry Robb receives congratulations from wife Gina.

In the Laurel Park winner's circle after the 2,000th win of his training career Feb. 15, Jerry Robb didn't hesitate.

"It would have been nice to win it two races earlier."

But he'll take

it. The race Robb wanted was the \$250,000 Barbara Fritchie Stakes-G3 with Anna's Bandit. Hardly disgraced, she was third to earn the first graded stakes-placing of her 16-win career, the stable star passed the milestone opportunity on to Stroll Smokin in the day's finale. Sent off at 9-5 in a field of six, Stroll Smokin did a pretty good Anna's Bandit impersonation—streaking to a quick lead and making it stand up in the 6-furlong allowance for the No Guts No Glory Farm of Robb and his wife Gina. The post-race ceremonies included an oversized sign, loads of photos, even more smiles—and some reminiscing.

Robb grew up going to the track with his father, but had little to no horse background before getting his start galloping horses and then becoming a trainer.

"I once said that if I couldn't gallop I wouldn't train," he said with a laugh. "I ended up breaking my back and I had to quit galloping, but I kept training."

Robb singled out James Magill and Dickie Coyte for early experiences, and also worked with John and Butch Lenzini. Robb trained at Bowie for years, and won his first race in 1975. He has topped 100 wins in a single season just once, with 114 in 1988. Robb's best season came in 2002 with 96 wins and more than \$2.3 million in earnings. Stable stars over the years included Maryland-bred hero Little Bold John (who won 38 races—25 stakes—and just shy of \$2 million), Lightning Paces, Pulverizing and He Is Risen.

A milestone like 2,000 wins will make anyone take stock of a career, and Robb was no different.

"I knew I'd be in the game, but I didn't know I'd be a success or not," he said of making a career in racing. Now in his 46th season as a trainer, Robb has added breeder and owner to the list and tried to drop a bombshell in the winner's circle.

"Now I'm retiring and Gina's taking over," Robb said.

Gina didn't miss a beat, and interrupted with an emphatic, "No I'm not."

No, she's not. Robb didn't spend much time at 2,000 as he added three more wins at Laurel in February and looked forward to more.

"When I needed eight or so we started counting them," said Robb. "It came a lot quicker than I thought it would this year. The last part of last year and the first part of this year, I've won a lot of races. No complaints. It's exciting and I'm very appreciative of it. I have to thank all my owners, all my help, my [riders], everyone. It's a team effort."

— Joe Clancy

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Paddy the Caddy finds stride in second career

On a section of the former Derry Meeting Farm in Cochranville, Pa., the birthplace of Danzig and Storm Cat, among others, upper-level eventer Erin Sylvester's ES Eventing is home to a new generation of stars, headlined by unraced Thoroughbred Paddy the Caddy (Ire).

The 13-year-old gelded son of European champion Azamour (Ire) and the Grand Slam mare Slamy was bred by Frank McEntee, who owns the horse with Sylvester. Paddy the Caddy has more than made up for his lack of a race record with success in eventing, including a victory in the 2019 Dutta Corporation Fair Hill International CCI 4-star long (CCI4*-L), where he and Sylvester won the eventing national championship.

"It was really unique to have him win there, because his whole career in the U.S. started with training on the track at Fair Hill with Graham Motion," said Sylvester.

Originally from Ireland but now living in Wilmington, Del., McEntee had the colt shipped from Ireland to the United States as a 2-year-old to begin training with Motion at Fair Hill Training Center in Elkton, Md. But after posting only four published works, Paddy the Caddy was retired. For the record, he made it into the entries once, for a flat race at the 2010 Fair Hill Races, only to be scratched. He spent nearly six months turned out at McEntee's Eagle's Nest Farm in Still Pond, Md.

"I have some cattle down there, so I threw Paddy out [in the pasture] with them," McEntee said. "He would literally spend his whole day herding the cattle."

Following his break, Paddy the Caddy started his second career under the care of Sylvester, who has been training him since he was 3. She's brought him along slowly, spending 18 months to two years at each level of competition, with help from renowned upper-level riders such as Phillip Dutton, Boyd and Silva Martin, and former show jumper and current racing trainer Michael Matz.

Sylvester and Paddy the Caddy won the 2017 Rebecca Farm CCI4*-L in Kalispell, Mont., finished second in the 2018 Ocala Jockey Club CCI4*-L in Reddick, Fla., and completed their first Land Rover Kentucky CCI5*-L last spring in Lexington, Ky.

"Paddy is funny, smart and takes a lot of pride in what he does," Sylvester said.



Unraced Irish-bred gelding Paddy the Caddy and Erin Sylvester, who bases her eventing stable at the former Derry Meeting Farm in Pennsylvania, jump a show fence at Fair Hill last fall.

"He really loves the competition life and being good at eventing."

Spending this winter in Aiken, S.C., Sylvester and Paddy kicked off 2020 with a sixth at the Pine Top Advanced Horse Trials in Augusta, Ga., in February. "He'll run one more Advanced [competition] before we head to the 5-star in Kentucky," she said. The Land Rover Kentucky Three-Day Event runs April 23-26 at the Kentucky Horse Park.

Sylvester also hopes to use the grant they won from Dutta Corp. at Fair Hill to compete in the Land Rover Burghley Horse Trials CCI5*-L at Burghley House in England in September.

They sit on the United States Equestrian Federation's U.S. Eventing Pathway Program's (EPP) Pre-Elite Training List, which aims to identify and support those with the potential to meet Elite status within the next two to four years, with the target of competing on a championship team in the next four years. Levels of the EPP program include Emerging, for

those with the potential ability to evolve into future team candidates; Pre-Elite; and Elite, which supports athlete/horse combinations demonstrating the ability to contribute to medal-winning potential at the World Championship level.

According to US Equestrian, the EPP aims to deliver sustainable success and is focused on team podium finishes. The program provides eventing athletes with a more clearly defined path to develop, be tested and prove themselves as they strive to compete as a team rider at the next Olympics or World Championship. Heady stuff for an unraced horse, the only Thoroughbred among the 14 athlete/horse combinations on the Elite and Pre-Elite Training Lists.

"As long as he stays sound and doesn't get injured, I think he'll be one of the top horses over the next couple of years," said McEntee.

— Sara Gordon

Regional families active on Triple Crown trail—Part 2

As the race for a starting berth in this year's classics continued, more names emerged. Among this year's sophomores with female lines tied to the Mid-Atlantic include first-time graded stakes winners Ete Indien, Mr. Monomoy and King Guillermo.

Ete Indien. A gate-to-wire score in Gulfstream Park's Fountain of Youth Stakes-G2 Feb. 29 propelled Ete Indien to the top of the points list (a spot he held for a week). Found way back in his direct female line is Jaconda (his seventh dam), bred by famed pedigree expert and Virginia breeder Abram Hewitt. The mare by *Belfonds, a French champion and classic sire Hewitt imported and stood at his Montana Hall Farm in White Post, was a half-sister to Virginia-bred classic winner and champion Phalanx.

Mr. Monomoy. A half-brother to champion Monomoy Girl, the son of Palace

Malice won the first division of the Risen Star Stakes-G2 Feb. 15. His fourth dam, stakes-placed My Lady Love, was bred in Maryland by Rye Hill Farm, as was her sire, the influential Smarten. My Lady Love was a half-sister to Eclipse Award winner Heavenly Cause. Mr. Monomoy has since been sidelined by an ankle injury.

King Guillermo. The surprise winner of the Tampa Bay Derby-G2 March 7, the son of Uncle Mo has as his third dam Maryland-bred Grade 1 winner Corrazona, bred by Willow Wood Farm, et al. Corrazona is a daughter of European champion El Gran Senor, bred in Maryland by Windfields Farm. King Guillermo's dam sire is Maryland-bred champion Dixieland Band, bred by Mrs. Bayard Sharp.

Silver Prospector. Winner of Oaklawn Park's Southwest Stakes-G3 Feb. 17, the

gray colt is out of Pennsylvania-bred Tapit mare Tap Softly, campaigned by breeder Grace Ritzenberg until claimed for \$10,000 in August 2010 at Penn National and later placed in stakes for owner Robert Cole Jr. Go back five more generations and Indignation appears. She was bred in Maryland by Harry Isaacs by Isaacs' Maryland stallion Inbalance.

Eight Rings. Although yet to make a start through early March, the son of Empire Maker remained on target for the bigger Derby preps in April. He earned points as a Grade 1 winner at 2. Three of his first four dams were bred in Maryland: graded stakes-winning dam and third dam, Purely Hot (bred by Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau) and Wood So (bred by Katy Voss and Bob Manfuso, by Maryland sire Baederwood) and fourth dam Impudence (bred by Voss' mother Kitty Merryman, by Maryland sire Bold Monarch).

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MILESTONES

Won: The 3,000th race of his career, trainer Jamie Ness, with Late Breaking News at Parx Racing Feb. 18. Ness won his first race in 1999 and grew his stable into a force in the region and beyond with more than 130 wins from 2007-16. Ness has topped 300 wins twice with 395 in 2012 to lead the nation and 330 in 2011 to place second. He was also second in 2010 and fourth in 2009. Ness has surpassed 200 wins a year four times.

Acquired: A new challenge cup, the Maryland Hunt Cup Association, to be offered starting with the 2020 running April 25. The historic timber stakes, first run in 1894, has long offered a challenge cup to the owner who could win the race three times (not necessarily with the same horse). Ross Winans Whistler offered the first cup when he retired as the race's first secretary in 1913. Mrs. E. Read Beard and her horse Blockade retired that cup in 1940. Between 1940 and 1983 five owners

met the requirements: Stuart Janney Jr. with Winton; Mrs. W.J. Clothier with Pine Pep; Mary Stephenson with Jay Trump; Redmond Stewart Jr. with Haffaday and *Ben Nevis II; and Joy Valentine with Cancottage (GB). Another 36 years passed before Skip and Vicki Crawford's Senior Senator retired the challenge cup with victories in 2016, 2018 and 2019. The new cup is being restored and prepared by Maryland's Smyth Jewelers. Co-president Bob Smyth explained, "While my team of silversmiths could not identify the silver stamp on the new challenge cup, the trophy is sterling silver and beautifully made with Maryland traditional repousse. It was most likely made by an East Coast silversmith in the mid-1930s."

Accepted: 616 entries for the Retired Racehorse Project's 2020 Thoroughbred Makeover to be held Oct 7-10 at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington. The list includes 604 individual trainers and,

though official horse listings don't close until July 31, a few familiar names for Mid-Atlantic racing fans. Pennsylvania-bred Grade 1 steeplechase winner **All the Way Jose** and Erica Gaertner are aiming for the show jumper and field hunter divisions. Bred by Hall of Fame trainer Jonathan Sheppard, All the Way Jose won five races and earned \$456,650 including a victory in the 2017 Lonesome Glory Stakes-G1 at Belmont Park. The 10-year-old, who campaigned for Buttonwood Farm, also placed in four Grade 1 stakes and was an Eclipse Award finalist in 2017. Maryland-bred **Talk Show Man**, bred and raced by Dr. Michael Harrison, is also on the list with trainer Lindy Gutman. Talk Show Man won eight races, including the Maryland Million Turf in 2014 and 2018 and earned \$456,556. The 10-year-old is listed in the eventing category. Pennsylvania-bred **Page McKenney**, who won 22 races and more than

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\$1.9 million, was also reported as a candidate for the competition. The 10-year-old won 15 stakes for trainer Mary Eppler and owners Adam Staple and Jalin Stable before retiring in 2018. Accepted trainers for 2020 include dressage champion Emily Brollier Curtis, jockey Katie Crews, Twin Creeks Racing's Kim Gullat, retired Breeders' Cup-winning jockey Rosie Napravnik, and eventers Sally Cousins, Katie Ruppel, Erin Sylvester and Cathy Wieschhoff. The Thoroughbred Makeover is a retraining competition open to professionals, juniors and amateurs. Ten disciplines are offered: barrel racing, competitive trail, dressage, eventing, field hunter, polo, ranch work, show hunter, show jumper, and freestyle (a free-form discipline to demonstrate skills of the trainer's choice). Horses can compete in up to two disciplines. The five top-placed horses in each discipline after preliminary competition will return for the Finale on Saturday, where they will compete to determine final placings.

Announced: That chief operating officer Tim Ritvo was stepping away from the company effective March 2, The Stronach Group, parent company of the Maryland Jockey Club which operates Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course in Maryland. Ritvo held several roles with the company moving from general manager of Gulfstream Park in Florida in 2011 to become the company's chief operating officer. Ritvo rode races in New England in the 1980s, winning more than 500 races, and was a trainer from 1996-2010. He worked for the Florida HBPA before taking the job with Gulfstream. The Stronach Group, which hired former Breeders' Cup executive Craig Fravel as chief executive officer in 2019, has no immediate plans to fill Ritvo's position.

Appointed: As racing secretary at Laurel Park and Pimlico Race Course, Jillian Tullock. She worked in nearly every capacity for the Maryland Jockey Club from 1994-2019, including assistant

racing secretary under Georganne Hale. "It's great to be back with people I know and love," said Tullock, who briefly left the organization in 2019 to work for the National Steeplechase Association. Tullock, who grew up in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., and has a sports management degree, spent summers working in the racing office of the New York Racing Association tracks. She began working for the Maryland Jockey Club in 1994 and has worked as a claims clerk, paddock and patrol judge, to horse identifier to assistant racing secretary. She graduated from the steward's accreditation program in 2009.

Donated: More than \$750,000 from its commercial businesses to the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory for equipment and other assets to expand services to additional North American racetracks, The Jockey Club. The equipment includes new trucks modified with testing equipment that features

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CLASS INDIAN (Jeremy Batoff/William Dowling)

DADDY IN THE DARK (H. Bruce Fenwick/H. Bruce Fenwick)

DAVY STREET (GB) (Frank A. Bonsal Jr. and Stephanie Moore/Leslie F. Young)

DERWINS PROSPECTOR (Gerry L. Brewster/Joseph G. Davies)

DRIFT SOCIETY (IRE) (Bruton Street-US/Jack Fisher)

EL JEFE GRANDE (Irvin S. Naylor/Cyril Murphy)

EMBARRASSED (Armata Stables/Katherine S. Neilson)

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ground-penetrating radar systems and biomechanical surface-testing machines. The Jockey Club Technology Services will also contribute \$75,000 in software development services to the lab to enhance its centralized database.

Named: As finalists for the National Museum of Racing's Hall of Fame, regional stakes winners Blind Luck (Delaware Handicap-G2, Delaware Oaks-G2), Game On Dude (Charles Town Classic-G2), Havre de Grace (Cotillion-G2, Obeah-G3) and Wise Dan (Presque Isle Mile). In addition, the 11 finalists announced March 2 included Kona Gold, Rags to Riches, trainers David Whiteley (an Easton, Md., native), Mark Casse, Christophe Clement, Doug O'Neill and jockey Corey Nakatani. Inductees will be announced May 6.

Increased: Safety requirements within and beyond the World

Championships, the Breeders' Cup which will adopt all six recommendations from Dr. Larry Bramlage aimed at refining safety and veterinary evaluation protocols for future events. In addition, the Breeders' Cup remains heavily involved in the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition's advocacy for the implementation of 19 safety and integrity reforms at the state and/or track level. To this end, to host a Breeders' Cup "Win and You're In" Challenge race, U.S. tracks that are not members of the Thoroughbred Safety Coalition will be required to agree to adopt all 19 safety and integrity reforms that make up the coalition platform and must demonstrate a good faith effort in implementing those reforms. The Breeders' Cup Board also approved a \$4 million increase in purses, bringing total purses and awards for the two-day World Championships to \$35 million. Purse payouts will also be modified to pay to 10th position. The increases begin in

2020 at Keeneland Nov. 6-7 and include additions of \$1 million to the Longines Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 for a total of \$7 million; \$2 million to the Longines Breeders' Cup Turf-G1 for a total of \$6 million; \$1 million to the Big Ass Fans Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile-G1 for a total of \$2 million.

Granted: More than \$1.3 million to fund 17 new projects at 13 universities, four continuing projects and the Storm Cat Career Development Award, the Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation. The 2020 slate of research brings the foundation's totals since 1983 to more than \$28.8 million to underwrite 383 projects at 45 universities. One of the projects, to fund sample collection, storage, and cataloging of tissue related to nocardioform placentitis for future submitted research, was accepted because it is directly affecting the 2020 Kentucky foal crop. The University of Kentucky

THE RACING BIZ

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Servis, Zacney hope Mischevious Alex returns them to Derby: Mischevious Alex has plenty of talent—but will he be the one to take the connections of Smarty Jones and Afleet Alex back to the Kentucky Derby? Guest author Tom Pedulla reports.

Hello Beautiful "just what we wanted" in first move: In her first move since winning the Maryland Juvenile Filly by a dozen lengths, Hello Beautiful showed trainer Brittany Russell "just what we wanted," posted Frank Vespe.

In their own words—four jockeys talk about the racing life: Jockeys have the challenges of running their own businesses, and that of being a top-class athlete. Doug McCoy caught up with four to learn about their lives.

Where Are They Now? Exercise rider Wayne Mount: In the first of a new series, Linda Dougherty catches up with Wayne Mount, who rode Riva Ridge, Cicada, and even Secretariat back in the day.

Backtracks—Love Sign and the fabulous fillies of 1977: Virginia-bred Love Sign, who faced off against Genuine Risk, Weber City Miss, and others of a dazzling generation, is profiled by Jennifer Kelly.

WV Legislature approves advance deposit wagering

Abridged story by Frank Vespe, posted March 9 in Breaking, Business, Top Stories, West Virginia, WV Business. Read the story in its entirety at TheRacingBiz.com.

It's been a long fight—about a decade—but now victory on the topic for the West Virginia racing industry is at hand. The West Virginia Legislature on March 6 passed a bill permitting advance deposit wagering in the Mountain State.

Now it's on to Governor Jim Justice (R-WV), who, barring technical glitches, is expected to sign it, sources said. Coupled with legislation last year that enabled the industry to recapture funds the state had taken away more than a decade earlier, the measures constitute a nice winning streak for the state's horsemen and breeders.

The bill, HB 4438 in the House of Representatives, was sponsored by Delegates Paul Espinosa, John Hardy, Errika Storch, Eric Householder, and Jason Barrett. All but Barrett are Republicans. The legislation passed the state Senate by a 29-4 count, while the House vote was 78-21.

"Thanks to Senators Craig Blair and Patricia Rucker for their leadership in gaining Senate concurrence with the House's proposed bill language adopted after consultation with our State's horsemen, greyhound kennel owners, racetracks and the West Virginia Racing Commission," Del. Espinosa wrote on Facebook.

Espinosa represents Charles Town in the Legislature and previously served as the track's public relations chief. His son, Paul Jr., is the current track announcer at Charles Town Races. The legislation would permit companies that allow phone and internet betting to set up shop in West Virginia, which heretofore had been prohibited.

The fiscal note accompanying the legislation estimates \$10 million in total handle via ADW wagering. If accurate, that would yield the dog and horse racing industries \$400,000 annually to split among the bred fund, purses, and track operators.

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has made arrangements with local veterinarians, who have been supplied with the proper testing kits. In addition, the funding includes grants to a North Carolina State University study on stem-cell treatment of tendon injuries and University of North Carolina Wilmington research into equine herpesvirus myeloencephalopathy.

Revised: Funding procedures for the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, sales companies Fasig-Tipton and Keeneland starting with 2020 yearling sales. All sellers/owners will be charged .05 percent of the sales price (for example, \$50 on a \$100,000 sale) on each horse sold at public auction with the two companies. Previously, sellers have had the

opportunity to opt out of contributing to the TAA. The sales companies will each continue to contribute .05 percent of the sales price on each horse sold at their respective auctions. Buyers will continue to be billed .05 percent of the purchase price on behalf of the TAA, with participation voluntary.

NAMES OF THE MONTH

Duplicated: A runner at Laurel Park in February, the 3-year-old filly is out of Double.

Pool Boy Charlie: The 4-year-old colt, a regional runner for breeder Jeanne Mayberry, is by Adios Charlie out of Island Style.

Mr. Roundtree: The 4-year-old gelding, a winner at Penn National in February, is by Mineshaft and named for actor Richard Roundtree (who played detective John Shaft in the *Shaft* movies).

GO FIGURE

75 Percentage of winners in leading sire Not For Love's final crop born in 2015. Of 20 foals born that year, 19 started and 15 are winners including Maryland-bred Brooks Robinson (see related articles in this edition).

50 Winning percentage for trainer Kelly Rubley at Laurel Park this year through February. Her horses won seven of 14 starts in the first two months of the year.

0 Horses to win the Maryland Hunt Cup four times, in 125 runnings. Senior Senator hopes to change that this year. The \$100,000, 4-mile timber classic is Saturday, April 25.



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The Stanton Stakes - Grade BT For 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16 (Turf)	June 10	\$50,000	May 27	FREE
The Obeah Stakes - Listed Fillies and Mares-3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/8	June 13	\$100,000	May 30	\$100
The Christiana Stakes - Grade BT For Fillies 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16 (Turf)	June 15	\$50,000	June 1	FREE
The Cape Henlopen Stakes - Listed 3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/2 (Turf)	July 4	\$75,000	June 20	\$100
The Carl Hanford Memorial Stakes - Grade BT 3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/16	July 4	\$50,000	June 20	FREE
THE DELAWARE OAKS - Grade III For Fillies 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/16	July 4	\$300,000	June 20	\$200
The Kent Stakes - Grade III For 3 Year Olds	1 mile & 1/8 (Turf)	July 4	\$200,000	June 20	\$200
The Robert G. Dick Memorial - Grade III Fillies and Mares-3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 3/8 (Turf)	July 4	\$200,000	June 20	\$200
The Dashing Beauty Stakes - Grade BT For Fillies and Mares-3 Year Olds & Upward	6 furlongs	July 11	\$100,000	June 27	\$100
THE DELAWARE HANDICAP - Grade II Fillies and Mares-3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/4	July 11	\$750,000	June 27	\$250
The Glasgow Stakes - Grade BT For 3 Year Olds & Upward	7 1/2 furlongs (Turf)	July 11	\$100,000	June 27	\$100
The Hockessin Stakes - Grade BT 3 Year Olds & Upward	6 furlongs	July 11	\$100,000	June 27	\$100
The Just A Kiss Stakes - Grade BT For Fillies and Mares-3 Year Olds & Upward	1 mile & 1/16 (Turf)	July 11	\$100,000	June 27	\$100
The Sussex Stakes For 3 Year Olds	6 furlongs	July 11	\$100,000	June 27	\$100
The George Rosenberger Memorial** ♦ For Fillies and Mares-3 Year Olds & Upward ①	1 mile & 1/16 (Turf)	Sept 26	\$75,000	Sept 5	FREE
The DTHA Governors Day Handicap** ♦ 3 Year Olds & Upward ①	1 mile & 70 yds	Sept 26	\$75,000	Sept 12	FREE
The First State Dash* For 2 Year Olds ①	5 1/2 furlongs	Sept 26	\$100,000	Sept 12	FREE
The New Castle* For 3 Year Olds & Upward ①	6 furlongs	Sept 26	\$100,000	Sept 12	FREE
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A Maryland-bred Hero—25th Anniversary

CIGAR

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Oaklawn Handicap-G1

April 15, 1995 - Oaklawn Park

Ranked the top horse in the nation on the National Thoroughbred Poll, Cigar left Florida for the \$750,000 Grade 1 Oaklawn Handicap and faced his sternest test to date.

Lining up against him was the second-ranked horse on the poll, fellow Maryland-bred and the previous year's Breeders' Cup Classic-G1 winner Concern. Also in the field were six-time Grade 1 winner Best



Pal, one of the nation's best handicap horses the previous three years; Silver Goblin, a winner of eight straight, including the track's Oaklawn Handicap prep, the Razorback Handicap-G2, in his previous start; that year's Santa Anita Handicap-G1 winner Urgent Request (Ire); French Group 1 winner Johann Quatz (Fr); and Concern's rabbit, Sticks and Bricks.

Cigar got a small break in the weights, carrying 120 to Concern's 122 and Best Pal's 121. But the way in which he blew away the field, winning by 2½ lengths, made the difference irrelevant. Cigar's time of 1:47.22 missed the 1¼-mile track mark by about three-fifths of a second. Silver Goblin finished second, 4 lengths better than Concern in third.

Cigar, named by breeder/owner Allen Paulson for an airway checkpoint in the Gulf of Mexico, recorded his sixth consecutive win and became racing's newest millionaire as he pushed his earnings to \$1,219,815.

The rise of Cigar was credited in large part to trainer Bill Mott, who had put the bay horse back on the main track after he didn't live up to his apparent potential on the grass. The 5-year-old son of Palace Music and the Seattle Slew mare Solar Slew was since unbeaten, if not unbeatable.



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Doctor's Secret



see that, and he said, 'Any one of my horses—if you want to work with them, or groom them, or ride them. . . do whatever you want.' If it weren't for that, I don't know when I would have gotten back to it."

Andrew chose a 12-year-old bay gelding Fox called Wizard whom he had re-trained for barrel racing—and that was pretty much the extent of what Andrew knew about the horse.

"I don't know if it was his personality, because he does not look like a barrel racer to me. He's 16.1 and long-backed," she said. "I wouldn't have picked him as a barrel racer, that's for sure. But Bill liked him, and they did do a little bit of it."

Fox had the horse's Jockey Club papers, enabling Andrew to fill in the blanks of Wizard's story.

By Secret Hello out of the Slewpie mare Slewpie Girl, Doctor's Secret was foaled on Feb. 5, 1996, at the farm of his breeder, Dr. Y. Jerry Kolybabiuk, who raced as Freedom Acres. The surgeon had such high hopes for the bay colt that he and his family called him "Champ" around the farm.

"They were sure he was going to be the next big thing," Andrew said.

Doctor's Secret made 15 starts at Monmouth Park, the Meadowlands and Philadelphia Park (now Parx Racing), finding the winner's circle just once in a 6-furlong \$10,000 maiden claimer Oct. 27, 1999. He made his final start as a 4-year-old for a \$5,000 tag where the chart stated he was "never a factor." His lifetime earnings totaled \$11,500.

"Wizard's dam had just two foals. His sister was a little more successful than he was. Her name was Love's Legacy, and she was stakes-placed. I got in touch with Dr. Kolybabiuk a few years ago. He's a really nice guy and was so generous. He sent me baby pictures of Wizard, and he still had all the paperwork from when he did his pedigree research and planned out the mating. He sent it all to me, and it was such a treasure to get that from him and to think about everything that went into it. You meet these horses and you know who they are, but then you realize everybody else who had a hand in who they are too."

Andrew's career in the racing industry began with track photographer Bill Denver at Meadowlands and Monmouth Park, eventually leading to the position with TDN in 2007. An off-track

In her role as photographer and photo editor for Thoroughbred Daily News, Sarah Andrew has known countless Thoroughbreds, both on and off the race-track. Many of her subjects are household names photographed in some of the biggest stakes races in North America. But it's a 24-year-old New Jersey-bred winner of one race who has her heart.

In 2008, cancer claimed Alibhai's Alibar, the 29-year-old Appaloosa/

Quarter Horse/Thoroughbred cross Andrew and a close friend owned for 20 years. On that very day, the generosity of a friend helped minimize the sense of loss. Andrew boarded her horse at a facility managed by Bill Fox, who kept several horses at the farm.

"The day that we put Alibar down, I was just a lost soul. It was such a deep loss, I didn't know what to do with myself," said Andrew. "I think Bill could

Thoroughbred was a logical next step for her after the loss of Alibar, and Wizard proved to be a great fit.

Fox's boarding operation was geared slightly more toward Western riding; he periodically held small local shows and team penning competitions. Wizard had been ridden sporadically when Andrew became involved, more frequently under Western tack.

"He was just a pasture puff when I met him, just living the good life at Bill's place. He was broke enough—plenty of people had ridden him. But I think that he was pretty light on the training side of things and they hadn't asked a lot of him during his time there."

Andrew grew up showing in hunter/jumper competitions but had little interest in pursuing a serious show career. She and Wizard participated in the occasional small local show, dressage competition or paper chase. Close proximity to state parks provided great opportunity for hacking out and trail riding.

"I've ridden out with the Monmouth Hunt a few times. There was a farm where I kept him that backed up to a wildlife management area which is the Monmouth County Hunt territory. So I could just hack him over there to the hunt club, which was pretty cool. He's a really nice trail horse."

He's also the ideal photographic model. A resplendent Wizard is seen in many of Andrew's social media posts, wearing Santa hats, Happy Birthday garlands or just posing for portraits. Followers are often treated to "Wizzygrams" depicting everything from splashing in knee-deep mud puddles to schooling over grids and challenging trot pole exercises.

"I think he became a muse for me just because he's such a nice-looking horse and he's fun to work with. You can pose him anywhere and he'll stand for you. You can turn him loose, he'll run around in a field. He's a photographer's dream."

When her schedule allows, Andrew rides Wizard four to five times a week. Although stylish over fences with tight knees and a beautiful bascule, Wizard tends to get pretty torqued while jumping so Andrew keeps it light.

"He likes to work and has a great work ethic. He never says no—he's just that kind of horse," Andrew said. "It's all light riding, nothing serious. I'll take lessons and ride with a trainer now and then. All just real mellow, but I find that the frequent light rides do a world of good for him."

Andrew now boards Wizard at Bill and Erika Neuberg's Nearaway Farm in Millstone Township, N.J. The 27-acre property adjoins Perrineville Lake Park, affording plenty of trail-riding opportunities. The Neubergs also breed a few Thoroughbreds, one of which was recently selected for this year's Thoroughbred Makeover.

Sadie's Magic (Street Magician—Partner's Devon, by Two Davids) won two races and \$38,381 before bleeding so badly in her final start that she collapsed on the track at Delaware Park. Thankfully, she got up and has been fine ever since. Exhaustive and thorough veterinary care ruled out further starts, but the 7-year-old mare and owner Michelle Michael will be one of 616 Makeover entries at the Kentucky Horse Park Oct. 7-10. Wizard is doing his part to keep morale high.

"Wizard and Sadie are in stalls next to each other. . . and they're also in love with each other," Andrew laughed.

As she wrote in a recent post, "He's not a TDN Rising Star or an Eclipse Award winner, but he brings a whole lot of happiness to everyone who knows and loves the wonderful Wizard." ★



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Trainers, vets caught by FBI put racing at risk

Last summer I began a column in this space with a line from John Steinbeck's novel *Travels with Charley*. It went like this: "... the end is not in question. It's the means—the dreadful uncertainty of the means."

Welcome to uncertainty, Thoroughbred racing. Dreadful uncertainty.

Steinbeck was writing about race relations and civil rights in America in 1962. In what was probably a reach (Hey, I had just finished re-reading the book), I drew a parallel to racing's lurches toward uniform medication rules and their enforcement. The end will be medication-free racing, national rules that can be easily modified as the landscape changes, strong penalties that work across state lines, modern post-race drug testing, robust out-of-competition drug testing, better barn security and an above-reproach investigative component.

Well, that better be the end. Otherwise, the end is the end. Polish your resume, go back to school, open a coffee shop, explore growing crops on your farms instead of horses because racing will cease to exist if it doesn't change.

No, really. Look at just two news items that dominated the minds of owners, trainers and breeders in the Mid-Atlantic this winter. And a third one that rocked national racing interests.

■ In Pennsylvania, the governor floated the idea of taking much of the slots revenue designated for racing and applying it to education a college scholarship fund for students of low-and-moderate income families to enroll at a state university. The noble intentions of Gov. Tom Wolf would decimate the state racing industry, estimated to have an impact of \$1.6 billion on the state's economy.

■ In Maryland, racing leaders took a novel financial blueprint to the state legislature to solidify the future of racing at Pimlico Race Course and Laurel Park. The bill, which passed initial hurdles by large margins, would use racing's share of slots revenue to finance more than \$300 million in improvements at the two tracks, secure the future of the Preakness and give Baltimore City a public-use development space in a neighborhood that needs it. Some opposition to the proposal also focused on using slots revenue for education via the Kirwan Commission.

In both cases, people in racing made their support of the industry known. Jobs, economic activity, open space, horse welfare and agriculture are all part of the industry that reaches far beyond what much of the public only sees at the racetracks. Racing is worthy of support, and of aid from states, because of all that. Of course it is.

And then the United States Attorney's office for the Southern District of New York held a news conference in early March, and dropped a bomb in the form of four indictments totaling 84 pages. How do all those "support the racing industry" campaigns sound now? To non-racing people? You think racing's point about jobs and open space and horse welfare didn't instantly get weaker?

Criminal indictments implicated 27 people—prominent trainers Jorge Navarro and Jason Servis among them—in an investigation into treating racehorses with performance-enhancing substances, concealing their use, obstructing the investigation and more. The indictments are damning and cover a variety of infractions, some involving Maximum Security (the Servis-trained champion 3-year-old of 2019 and winner of the 2020 Saudi Cup) and X Y Jet (the Navarro-trained Grade 1 winner and earner of more than \$3 million). The three-year FBI investigation alleges doping of horses with performance enhancers and pain blockers; the abuse of shockwave

therapy; intentional misbranding and mislabeling substances; falsifying veterinary records; and even the secret disposal of dead horses. According to the charges, X Y Jet was administered "several adulterated and misbranded PEDs" before racing in Florida and Dubai in 2019. X Y Jet died of an apparent heart attack in January 2020.

In a press release announcing the charges, FBI assistant director William F. Sweeney Jr. said, "These men allegedly saw the \$100 billion dollar global horse racing industry as their way to get rich at the expense of the animals that were doing all the hard work. Our investigation reveals the cruelty and inhumane treatment these horses suffered all to win a race. The FBI New York Joint Eurasian Organized Crime Task Force worked along with our law enforcement partners at the New York State Police, FDA, and DEA to stop this ring of criminals from abusing helpless animals simply so they could cheat the odds and rake in millions of dollars."

Racing looks foolish, inept, corrupt. And we all suffer for it.

I can almost hear a politician mulling input from constituents or bouncing policy proposals off staff members: "We're giving this industry a subsidy? This industry? *This industry?* The one that can't regulate itself, can't find a way to suspend rampant violators of various rules, celebrates the achievements of rules-breakers and sure seems to be abusing animals?" I'm sorry, but the kids in Pennsylvania and Maryland who need improved education options look like better bets than the 27 people from the horse industry indicted by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

I know, these are charges and not convictions. The defendants are innocent until proven guilty. And don't let two (or 27) bad apples spoil a bunch. But our coverage of the win by the Servis-trained Firenze Fire in the 2020 General George (page 48) reads a bit differently knowing what we know now.

Racing does bring economic growth and powers agriculture and open space. But there are no more options. The Jockey Club and its allies pushing the national racing legislation and the HBPA and others resisting the move need to find common ground and craft a solution. Not tomorrow. Not after the formation of some other group that can't enforce anything. Now.

Or the means are only going to get more uncertain, more dreadful. ☀

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Ladies in Waiting 2020



Mid-Atlantic's mares keep playing their roles
By Sara Gordon and Cindy Deubler

Call it Round Two. Last month's feature checking in on an assortment of broodmares around the region spilled over into even more and—as usual—they're all stars in their own way.

Loved, fussed over, cared for, the region's mares come from all corners of the Thoroughbred world but most trace back to a decision by somebody somewhere to buy a horse. Generations later, the families are still going strong.



Toccoa and Karen Godsey head for some turnout time while friends watch at Virginia's Eagle Point Farm.



ELLEN B. PONS

Toasty shows her foal by Golden Lad the ropes at Country Life Farm in 2017.

Toasty heats up

When a striking chestnut filly stuck her head out into the aisle of the late Allaire duPont's training barn at Woodstock Farm in Chesapeake City, Md., 14 years ago, Mike Palmer was hooked.

Toasty, sidelined from training due to a splint, was an unraced daughter of Polish Numbers out of the Crafty Prospector mare Crafty Toast, a pedigree Palmer called "broodmare personified." The impression was enough to convince him to buy her and bring her to CandyLand Farm, which he's managed since 1995, in Middletown, Del.

"I just flat out fell in love with her when I first saw her," Palmer said of the now 18-year-old. "She's been such a consistent mare, she throws beautiful foals."

Toasty had her first foal, a winning daughter of Domestic Dispute named Dirty Sweet, in 2007. She has since produced Victory Arch, a 7-year-old gelded son of Archarcharch who finished second in the 2016 Golden Circle Stakes, and stakes-placed colt Shazier.

A 4-year-old colt by Cairo Prince, Shazier sold for \$180,000 at 2 at the 2018 April OBS sale, that September got his first win, and was second in last year's H. Allen Jerkens Stakes at Gulfstream Park.

With seven winners from eight starters, Toasty has produced foals that are best described as "high voltage." According to Palmer, "They're the mellowest and most relaxed horses that you'd ever want to be around, but once you get their hearts pumping and their blood pressure up, they turn into lightning rods."

The mare also has an unnamed 3-year-old filly by Golden Lad, an unnamed 2-year-old filly by Palace Malice and a yearling colt by Friesan Fire.

Toasty's mating with the latter was inspired by the success of her half-brother Army Mule, a Pennsylvania-bred son of Friesan Fire who captured the Grade 1 Carter Handicap in 2018 and entered stud at Hill 'n' Dale Farms in Lexington, Ky., last year.

"I'm very, very happy with the Friesan Fire we got out of her. He looks like a mini-racehorse that you could go put the tack on," said Palmer.

Due this month to Kentucky stallion Mo Town, Toasty will be sent to Country Life to foal out, which she's done for the past four years.

"Toasty's like an automatic mare. I think sometimes she'd prefer you not even mess with her and just let her have her foals on her own. She's very smart," Palmer said.

Although he has not booked anything yet, Palmer hopes to breed Toasty back to Golden Lad, who he has a breeding right to. "He's having such a great freshman year and I really like the filly she had by him."

Toccoa reigns at Eagle Point

A queen in her own right, 19-year-old Toccoa ranks above the rest at Donna Dennehy and daughter Karen Godsey's Eagle Point Farm in Ashland, Va. A granddaughter of 1989 Dennehy purchase Lanes Above, Toccoa is by Purple Comet, who once stood at Eagle Point, out of the mare Misquinto.

Giving Godsey her first win as a trainer back in 2005, Toccoa raced for eight years before deciding, on her own terms, it was time to retire.

A trip to the track for training prior to her first start as an 11-year-old at Colonial Downs in 2012 became the deciding factor.

"She just stopped and popped up on her front-end a few times, which was odd since she'd never done that in her entire life," said Godsey. "She refused a couple times when we tried to get her on [the track] and I said 'Well, that's it.' Her rider jumped off right there, we took all the tack off at the gap and we walked her back [to the barn]."



SARA GORDON

The dam of regional stakes star Anna's Bandit, Onearmedbandit nurses her 2020 colt by Mosler in February.

Toccoa spent two years on the farm as Godsey remained apprehensive to the idea of breeding her. However, prompting from her mother and an offer of a free season to West Virginia stallion Peak Dancer turned things around. Toccoa's first foal, stakes-placed Braxton, arrived in 2014.

The Eagle Point homebreds enjoyed a banner meet at Colonial Downs last year as Toccoa's daughter What the Beep (by Great Notion) won the M. Tyson Gilpin Stakes and Braxton finished second in the Meadow Stable Stakes.

Along with her 3-year-old filly Taskinas (by Orientate), who broke her maiden Dec. 6 at Laurel Park, Toccoa has a yearling filly by Great Notion named Chickahominy, a full-sister to What the Beep.

"The fact that she's given us three winners and two blacktype horses now, it's been so much fun. Now I'm kicking myself that I didn't breed her earlier because I want more Toccoa babies," said Godsey. "They all have a ton of heart."

Braxton, What the Beep and Taskinas, who all campaign for their breeder, spent the winter on the farm. Godsey is giving Chickahominy time to grow, with plans to start her training in the fall.

Despite Toccoa not cycling last year, Godsey hopes to breed her again, as her

offspring have provided the family-owned farm with a wave of excitement. "I think we've gone to the racetrack to watch races more in the last four years than we have in the last 20. We just have some really fun horses to go watch."

More than Anna's mama

With Onearmedbandit's success on the track, it wasn't much of a surprise when she took to life as a broodmare.

Purchased as a yearling for \$13,500 by trainer Jerry Robb, who owns No Guts No Glory Farm with his wife Gina, Onearmedbandit won her first four races and took the 2008 Miss Shenandoah Stakes as a 2-year-old. She won seven of her 22 career starts, earning \$304,878. The daughter of No Armistice was retired in 2012 with a throat issue.

"She was pretty phenomenal and did everything we asked of her. We decided to retire her because she had done so much for us," said Gina. "[Onearmedbandit] was actually the first horse Jerry brought home to breed, so she was the one who started everything off for us."

When it came to the decision of who to breed Onearmedbandit to, Northview Stallion Station's Great Notion was the first choice. "My husband trained a lot of Great

Notion babies and did really well with them," said Gina, who mentioned seven-time winner Great Love.

The match has proven to be a success, as Onearmedbandit's first foal Anna's Bandit has won 10 stakes. The 6-year-old West Virginia-bred mare won nine of her 11 starts in 2019, including the West Virginia "Cavada" Breeders Classic and the Maryland Million Distaff within a span of a week. Making her first graded stakes start in February, Anna's Bandit finished third in the Barbara Fritchie-G3 at Laurel.

Gracies Bandit (by Daring), Onearmedbandit's second foal, raced six times, recording one win, before suffering an injury that led to her retirement in 2018. The 5-year-old mare is due to foal to the cover of Long River this month. Little Bold Bandit, a 2-year-old full-brother to Anna's Bandit, just started training, while Onearmedbandit's yearling filly by Mosler is on the farm.

"We decided to go to Mosler because he was a new sire and we're really big into the nicking patterns, so we thought we'd give the 'A' nick a try," said Gina.

Onearmedbandit gave birth to her second Mosler foal, a colt, in January. With a stocky, strong build and a spitfire personality, the new Mosler colt takes after his dam.



KATHERINE TURBULL

Star West Virginia broodmare Holy Pow Wow was carrying another Fiber Sonde foal this winter.

"It's funny because she passes down this trait where they all look like tanks and they're very assertive, confident and just all about themselves, and [Onearmedbandit] was the same way," said Gina.

The Robbs are planning to breed One-armedbandit to Golden Lad, based on the "A" nick result and success of his 2-year-olds last year. "We try to stay with Maryland sires as we're trying to support the [state] program," said Gina.

Holy Pow Wow seeks encores

When Beau Ridge Farm owners John McKee and Cynthia O'Bannon bred Holy Pow Wow to their stallion Fiber Sonde, the leading sire in West Virginia for the past two years, they weren't expecting to produce a graded stakes winner.

They simply hoped for a nice horse like Hidden Canyon, a two-time stakes winning son of Fiber Sonde they'd bred out of Ghost Canyon, a daughter of Indian Charlie.

"Obviously you like all of the babies and you have a lot of hopes and dreams in

all of them," said O'Bannon. "You hope that one's going to pan out."

Knowing that daughters of Indian Charlie nicked well with Fiber Sonde, O'Bannon bought Holy Pow Wow for \$5,000 at the 2013 Keeneland January sale. The mare never finished better than seventh in four starts.

"She's a big mare, but she's just as docile and kind as she could be," said O'Bannon. "She has nice, sensible babies."

After producing her first foal by Fiber Sonde, allowance winner Indian Sound, in 2014, Holy Pow Wow had Late Night Pow Wow. The 5-year-old West Virginia-bred owned by Breeze Easy blew everyone away as she won the 2018 Charles Town Oaks-G3 and 2019 Barbara Fritchie-G3, along with five other stakes, to finish her career last year with 12 wins from 15 starts and earnings of \$700,400.

"I always liked her," said O'Bannon. "You always like the big, smart ones that do everything right and she obviously fell in that category."

After a sixth in the Presque Isle Downs Masters-G2 in September, Late Night Pow

Wow was retired. "I was just glad that she didn't get injured, retired relatively sound, and will be bred to nice horses. She's in for a good life," said O'Bannon.

Following the multiple graded stakes winner are full-siblings Muad'dib and Fiona Bella. Muad'dib, a 3-year-old gelding owned by David Raim, made a winning debut Feb. 5 at Charles Town and came back to win again on Feb. 28, while 2-year-old filly Fiona Bella, co-owned by trainer Javier Contreras and Breeze Easy, is in training.

Interest in breeding to Fiber Sonde, now in his 12th year at stud, has only increased as his progeny continue to excel on the track.

"When it comes to Fiber Sonde, we've been really blessed," O'Bannon said. "He's probably the horse that's once in a lifetime. I wish you got one every time you turned around, but you don't, and you don't get a [Holy] Pow Wow every time either. Obviously those two crossed together is a good thing."

Holy Pow Wow foaled a Fiber Sonde colt March 3. Despite previous offers of breeding seasons to stallions such as Arrogate



KATHERINE TURNBULL

A \$6,000 claim in 2013, Nashi has produced two stakes horses.

and California Chrome, O'Bannon plans to keep breeding to Fiber Sonde. "The breeders' awards at Charles Town have meant a lot to us," she said. "That keeps the farm and everything else going."

Holy Pow Wow has resonated with many on the farm, but she's got a big fan in 6-year-old Anthony Crosen, whose grandmother Michelle Shrader is part of the nightwatch crew at Beau Ridge.

"Of course everybody wants to lead Holy Pow Wow around because she's the big mare, so her grandson really thinks he's something leading her into the barn," said O'Bannon. "It's pretty cute."

Nashi builds second career

Intrigued by Nashi's strong pedigree and resilience on the track, Ray Pennington claimed the 5-year-old mare for \$6,000 in 2013.

The daughter of E Dubai and the Storm Cat mare Bluster finished her career

nine starts after Pennington's claim, winning six and earning her new owner nearly \$100,000. Making 39 starts, she ended with 13 wins, 10 seconds and six thirds, with earnings of \$252,210.

"She was a heck of a racehorse. For a horse that's so easygoing, she would tense up on race nights and just shake with the anticipation of going to the racetrack," said Ray's wife Patricia. "She knew what her job was and she did it quite well."

Nashi went home to the Penningtons' Foxfield Farm in Berryville, Va.

"Nashi is the sweetest and kindest mare, but she's the head horse on the property," said Patricia. "She doesn't even have to lay an ear back to get what she wants. All she has to do is walk and they just get out of her way. She's the first in, first out, first to get her feed, and that's just the way it is."

She has produced multiple stakes winner Burnin Ring O Fire, a 4-year-old gelded son of Limehouse, along with stakes-placed Virginia Peach and her year-

ling sister Dixie Yodeler, both daughters of Swiss Yodeler. Their sires stand at O'Sullivan Farms in Charles Town, W.Va., where Nashi will also be sent to foal this year, as she is due to their stallion Aldrin this month.

"[Farm manager and co-owner] John Funkhouser does an excellent job with the mares and foals and they have a great reproductive vet, Dr. Sabine Taylor," said Patricia.

The Penningtons' foals are born in West Virginia before returning to Foxfield, which qualifies the West Virginia-breds with Virginia certification.

"They're all precocious and get you your money back early," said Ray of Nashi's foals. "They're sound and they've gone on to run on seemingly just about any surface, from grass or dirt to mud, so they're quite versatile."

As a 2-year-old, Burnin Ring O Fire won his debut on the turf and followed up with back-to-back wins in the Henry Mercer Memorial and West Virginia Vincent Moscarelli Memorial Breeders Classic on the dirt. Last September, Virginia Peach finished second in the Rachel's Turn Stakes for 2-year-old fillies.

Nashi is also the dam of current 2-year-old Corkscrew (by Denis of Cork). This year she will be sent to Mor Spirit, who stands at Spendthrift Farm in Kentucky. Jumelle Springs, Nashi's stakes-producing pasturemate, is due to foal to Gattopardo and is booked back to Karakontie (Jpn), who stands at Gainesway in Kentucky.

The truth at Hickory Plains

When it comes to family lines, Hickory Plains' Randy Cohen knows how to make them count. And for his broodmare True Sensation, it began when Cohen saw her dam, True Norther, at the 1997 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic (February) winter mixed sale. Intrigued by the big and powerful daughter of Far North in foal to Distinctive Pro, Cohen took the mare home for \$9,200.

True Norther was bred to Itaka, who Cohen owned a part of and stood at his farm in Frederick, Md., until 2002, when sold to stand in Nebraska. The pairing produced True Sensation in 1999.

"There are certain stallions whose very best foal and only foal to win a stake is a mare," said Cohen. "They're out there. And in this case [for Itaka], it was True Sensation."

Bred by Randy and his father Albert Cohen, True Sensation raced for the farm as she swept through a career highlighted by wins in the 2001 Maryland Juvenile

Filly Championship, 2002 Twixt Stakes and 2004 All Brandy Stakes.

"The greatest thing about her was at a mile-and-an-eighth she was an amazing horse," said Randy. "On the dirt and in the mud, she always moved way up. She's a horse of a decade."

True Sensation retired with six wins, six seconds and seven thirds from 34 starts, with earnings of \$308,486.

She is the dam of stakes performers Fear No Evil (by Line of David) and Toughest 'Ombre, a 7-year-old gelded son of Tale of the Cat. Fear No Evil placed in eight stakes from a 30-start career.

Following a third in the Floral Park at Belmont Park in October, Cohen retired the now 6-year-old mare.

"She's a precious, well-deserving mare who will have a home forever," he said.

True Sensation has a yearling filly by Tapizar and was barren this year. She, along with her daughter Fear No Evil, will reside at Sarah Cahill's Three Sisters Farm in Midland, Ky., as Cohen considers matings. Mother and daughter are joined by Cohen's fourth generation-bred mare No Means No, due to foal to Tapizar in May.

The story of stakes-placed No Means No (a 10-year-old by Louis Quatorze) began when Cohen purchased Closing Charger at Keeneland November in 1985. She was carrying Misty Clover (by Highland Blade), who in turn produced Cojak's stakes-winning daughter Mysterious Jak. That mare's first foal, Stare, is the dam of No Means No, who finished third in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes for Hickory Plains before being claimed in her 3-year-old season.

No Means No raced two more years for various connections before she was entered in the 2014 Keeneland November sale, where Cohen bought her back for \$15,000. She has since produced four foals by Kentucky stallion Temple City, the oldest 4-year-old gelding Stand My Ground, who debuted last year.

Cohen's mares will come back to Maryland to foal at Elberton Hill Farm in Darlington.

Gold in New Jersey

Joe Coles and Gail Shaw struck gold with the first horse they ever owned, as she is responsible for all their breeding success.

The couple—who breed and race as G J Stable—have owned just two broodmares the past three decades. Both became stakes producers.

And each foal to race is a winner.



MATHEA KELLY

Owned by Marylander Randy Cohen, True Sensation will visit a Kentucky stallion this year.

It all began with a first and only purchase in the early 1990s, New Jersey-bred filly Signa.

Coles likes to go to the races, and after a time decided to get a horse. He mentioned his interest to trainer Joe Zoppi, who found Signa.

The unraced 2-year-old Roman Reasoning filly was for sale, but the deal fell through because of a veterinary check. About eight months later, her name came up again—she was sound, but too big in Zoppi's opinion to race at 2, which her then-owner wanted to do. Zoppi thought she'd be ruined and mentioned her to Coles again. "The price was a little too pricey for me," said Coles. The price came down, and Coles and Shaw had their first racehorse. Zoppi said to wait a year.

In her debut, as a 4-year-old at Hialeah in the spring of 1994, Signa finished second. Her first win came four months later at Monmouth. Racing in allowances and an occasional claiming race, she made 43

starts, won twice, placed 12 times, earned \$62,364 and put Coles and Shaw in the breeding business when she retired.

Signa was New Jersey Broodmare of the Year in 2011 after producing her second stakes winner, that year's state-bred champion sprinter Dabnabit. Of her six foals, five raced and won. When she died a little more than a decade ago, her first foal, Cigno d'Oro, kept G J Stable rolling.

Now 21, Cigno d'Oro earned \$372,604, won seven times, including two stakes, one each at Monmouth and Meadowlands. She is the dam of five winners, including two-time stakes winner Prendimi, a son of Dance With Ravens whose final start of 2019 came in the Maryland Million Classic at Laurel Park, where he controlled the pace until caught late and finished second.

A number of G J Stable horses have Italian references—Prendimi is Italian for catch me.

"I have less trouble naming a horse if I put it in Italian," said Coles. Cigno d'Oro's



Caught Dream'n gallops across the foggy field at Safely Home, Dark Hollow's second farm.

name translates to "Golden Swan" and her 2019 filly by Mission Impazible will be named Cigno Bella.

"I haven't gone to top studs, but I believe a mare really puts everything into the foal. [Cigno d'Oro] does, she really does," said Coles. G J Stable has one other runner at the track, Cigno d'Oro's 3-year-old Redeemed colt Our Man Luke—named for one of Coles' dogs—who has yet to start but is in training in Florida.

Cigno d'Oro resides at Jan and Joe Laszlo's Hunters Run Farm in Neptune. After missing to the cover of Mission Impazible last year, she is booked to Madefromlucky.

Young mares at Dark Hollow

"Quirky as hell" may seem like a red flag for a broodmare prospect, but follow that with "She had all the talent in the world," and Caught Dream'n is an exciting future broodmare at David and JoAnn Hayden's Dark Hollow Farm in Upperco, Md.

Bred and owned by Dark Hollow, Dorsey and Christine Brown, David and Alena Schwaber and Arnold and Susie Davidov, the 5-year-old daughter of Blame and the graded stakes-placed Malibu Moon mare Dream retired in the fall of 2018. She made six starts in 2017 and 2018 for trainer

Phil Schoenthal, winning her second start, placing in two stakes and and never finishing worse than third while battling gate issues.

"She wouldn't come out of the gate in the morning, she refused," said David Hayden of challenges with the filly. A stint with Graham Motion at Fair Hill Training Center failed to change much as she refused to break in what turned out to be her final career start, the All Brandy Stakes at Laurel in September.

"Arnold [Davidov] has his binoculars, and he's looking for her going down the backside and he says 'I can't find her,'" Hayden said. "I said, 'Turn to the right, look in the gate. She's still in the stall.'

"She's great to be around. At the racetrack she's a nut. . . she was always difficult, that's why we stopped her."

Caught Dream'n slipped when bred to The Factor in 2019, and by early February was in Kentucky to be bred to Liam's Map.

She is one of five young Dark Hollow Farm mares having their first foals this year or being bred for a first foal in 2021. Maiden Shimmering Aspen went to Kentucky for a date with champion Uncle Mo. Purchased by Ellen Charles as a yearling for \$200,000, the 6-year-old daughter of Malibu Moon and stakes win-

ner Aspenglow (by Lion Hearted) retired after winning Delaware Park's Tax Free Shopping Distaff Stakes for the second year in a row last September. One of the top distaff sprinters in the region, she won nine times, five stakes, and earned \$415,660 in 20 starts.

Two 5-year-olds produced their first foals this year—the Quality Road mare Madison Avenue delivered a Malibu Moon colt Jan. 31 and is being bred back to Catalina Cruiser; and No, a daughter of Animal Kingdom, is the dam of a Unified filly born Feb. 10 and is booked to Great Notion. "If he can't improve your mare," said Hayden of Great Notion, "you better get rid of the mare."

Madison Avenue won once at 3. No, campaigning for a partnership, failed to win and was offered at Keeneland November as a 3-year-old. The Haydens bought out the partnership.

Eight-year-old Broken Vow mare Cap's Vow, owned by the Haydens in partnership with farm manager John Foster, was due in mid-March. She raced for George Strawbridge's Augustin Stable early, winning at Penn National as a 3-year-old, bounced through the claiming ranks and made five hurdle starts in 2018. Late that year, Dark Hollow consigned her



KATHERINE TURNBULL

Lov'emnrun shows off her stride at owner Leslie Cromer's farm in West Virginia.

for a client to the Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale.

"John Foster and I were looking at her, and we just liked her physically," said Hayden. "We split her after purchasing her for \$4,200. She's in foal to Sky Mesa and is going back to Speightster."

Everything is beautiful

Hello Now is what dreams are made of.

Walter Beck's family headed to the 2018 Fasig-Tipton December mixed sale with a simple mission of upgrading the broodmare band for their Holly House Farm of Ellicott City, Md.

"We liked two horses," said Robin DuBrul, Beck's daughter. "Hello Now was the second to go through, and we maxed out on the first one. My dad decided to bid on her and he actually purchased her."

The price for the mare, then 8, was \$2,000. The daughter of Tiznow, a \$100,000 sales yearling, won at 2 for Maggie Bryant and trainer Rodney Jenkins before being given to Ellen Charles as a broodmare prospect. The 2018 catalog page showed three foals—a 2016 unraced colt by Bandbox, a 2017 filly by Golden Lad and a 2018 colt by Mosler—all born

in May. And Hello Now went through the sale as not pregnant.

"We liked her pedigree, and when they brought her out for us to look at her, she had the presence," said DuBrul. "We immediately got this feel about her. And she's a nice mare, she has an amazing look to her and we had the opportunity to look at her baby [the Golden Lad yearling filly] that was at the sale and we loved how the baby turned out."

How quickly fortunes can change. Even though she was checked at the sale, at Dark Hollow Farm, and by Holly House's own veterinarian, Hello Now was actually in foal.

"We had her under lights, and come the end of March when she hadn't come in heat, we wondered what was going on," DuBrul said. "When my vet came out he said, 'There's a reason.' We had to do a bit of work to find out who the stud was."

Her 2019 foal, born May 21, is by Golden Years, who stands at O'Sullivan Farms in West Virginia. The dark bay colt, described by DuBrul's niece Meghan Horsey as "one of the sweetest yearlings I've worked with," has been named

Surprise Hello. The family intends to race him.

"Nobody has enough money to buy him," said DuBrul. "He's going to be Virginia-certified, he's Maryland-bred, West Virginia-sired. Look where he's going to be able to go."

But that wasn't the biggest surprise. When the Golden Lad filly Hello Beautiful hit the track, she proved to be a star with dominant wins in Maryland Million Lassie and Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship last year.

Holly House is fielding calls to sell the mare, but has turned down all offers. After not getting in foal to Hoppertunity last year, Hello Now is going back to Golden Lad.

Lots of love in West Virginia

Children, dogs and horses have consumed Leslie Cromer's life at her farm in Shenandoah Junction, W.Va. The former jockey, a winner of nearly 450 races, mostly at Charles Town, bought her farm while still working at the track 23 years ago. Raising small children, she chose to spend more time at the farm and started offering riding lessons. Then she added breeding



Dam of Maryland-bred juvenile star of 2019 Hello Beautiful, Hello Now will visit Golden Lad this year.

Miniature Schnauzers, which she shows in the conformation ring and in performance events. The dogs are still active, but most of the riding stable's 20 horses and ponies are now retired. Then there are the broodmares, led by Lov'emnrun.

"My friend Elizabeth Meehan was the one who set it all up for me to have her," said Cromer. "She had a lot of broodmares at the time and I didn't have any. I had some before, but for one reason or another, I didn't [about 10 years ago], so she called me."

Lov'emnrun, a 2001 daughter of Not For Love and the Rollicking mare Not So Cold, from a female line descending from Challedon's sister Little Sleeper, had one foal, born in 2006, who was never registered. The mare was a two-time winner at 3 from 10 starts over a six-month span in 2004. Her final start that year came in August at Pimlico. She then disappeared for two and a half years (during which time she was bred), and was back at the track in January 2007. In 13 starts at 6, she failed to win. She made her last Dec. 20, 2008, for a \$4,000 tag at Charles Town.

Cromer bred her to West Virginia stallion Peak Dancer in 2011, and got the winner Dance for Love. The mare's next foal, the 2014 colt by Fiber Sonde, is graded stakes winner and \$950,756 earner Runnin'toluvya.

"I had children, so I needed to go to someone close by. And it was hard for me to set anything up or do it myself," said Cromer of her choice of Fiber Sonde. "I

heard his foals were doing pretty well, so I decided to give it a shot.

"I had [Runnin'toluvya] as a yearling and he was just another baby. I'm friends with Tim and Judy [Grams] and I asked if they wanted to take him and give him a chance. They had the Peak Dancer [who had just won] so they came out to look at him and liked him and took him."

Lov'emnrun has had challenges carrying foals. "She has to be stitched," said Cromer. "If she's not stitched well she doesn't conceive."

Twice the mare aborted a few months before she was due. Her third foal, the Grams' undefeated 2019 stakes winner Loving Touch, also by Fiber Sonde, was born in May 2016. Cromer gave the mare the next year off, but she failed to conceive the following two years. Bred to Bandbox last year, she looked to have missed again, but got in foal on her fourth breeding and is due in June.

"The day I picked her up I remember I was told she was a bully in the field and she had everybody scared to death," said Cromer. "But she changed as she's gotten older. She's nice in the stall, but she can be pretty feisty. I can see where her foals, Runnin'toluvya especially, can be hard to deal with. But she's fine."

Brown gets boost from broodmares

Ronney Brown, perennially a top trainer at Charles Town, has about 15 broodmares and buys a couple at the sales each year, as

the older ones retire. Moon Map is one of his recent purchases.

The daughter of Malibu Moon was offered by Country Life Farm at the 2018 Fasig-Tipton Midlantic December mixed sale. Because of her sire, and that she was in foal to Country Life's young stallion Mosler, Brown thought "we may get lucky" with the then-9-year-old mare and brought her home for \$3,000.

The mare's only foal of racing age at the time, 2-year-old Cal Nation gelding Threethardway, was already a winner. Her yearling, a son of Super Ninety Nine sold for \$2,000 that year, turned out to be stakes-placed Tommy Shelby, a winner of three races and \$111,596 in seven starts last year at 2.

Moon Map delivered a Mosler filly last April, was bred to Exclusive Quality and is due in late April. A year ago, Brown purchased Exclusive Quality, a son of Elusive Quality, to stand at he and his wife Nicole's Pellinor Lane Farm in Charles Town.

Brown had high hopes for the stallion, and has 10 mares in foal to him, but lost the 16-year-old last summer after a breeding accident. He had covered 15 mares. Original Gold, due in late March, was the first to get in foal.

"My friend [Francis W. Daniel III] bred her but I bought her and raced her," said Brown of 20-year-old Original Gold. "We won the Cavada twice. She won once with [Ramon] Dominguez from the 10 hole. That was really exciting. He didn't ride much here."

Since 2008, the Slavic mare has produced five foals—her first, stakes-placed Golden Debutante (by Malibu Moon), is also in foal to Exclusive Quality.

Seeking to replace Exclusive Quality, Brown purchased former Northview stallion Bullsbay, a Grade 1-winning son of Tiznow. The majority of the Browns' mares will be bred to him.

A new Wardrobe

Jean Rofo and her late husband, renowned veterinarian Calvin Rofo, established many lasting relationships in Virginia—among them a longtime friendship with Bert and Diana Firestone. And that's why Rofo owns stakes producer Wardrobe.

"Bert Firestone gave her to me," said Rofo of the 14-year-old daughter of War Chant and Rum Charger (Ire). "When my husband was alive, he did all their vet work and we were good friends for quite awhile. Back in the days when Genuine Risk was running; General Assembly and all those."



Part of trainer Ronney Brown's broodmare band in West Virginia, Moon Map is carrying a foal by Exclusive Quality.

The Firestones bred Wardrobe, a half-sister to their Grade 1-winning millionaire Winchester and multiple graded stakes winner Middleburg, and bred her first five foals, including stakes winner Armoire, who raced for the couple. The mare's 2019 steeplechase stakes winner, Dapper Dan, was sold as a yearling. Since 2016 Wardrobe has produced three foals for Rofe.

"One we are waiting to run this spring on the grass [the Horse Greeley gelding Percolate] and one just turned 3 [the Despite the Odds gelding Auburn Mill]," said Rofe. "They are really late-developing horses. If it's my horse and it takes me four years to get them to the races, I don't really care."

Rofe has a yearling colt out of Wardrobe by her stallion Grand Reserve, a stakes winner also bred and campaigned by the Firestones.

"I was hoping we could get a colt out of her, and that's what we got," she said. "He's a big, nice-looking foal. He was late [born June 2] and you'd think he'd be the runt of the run but he's not. He's as big as anything out there."

The mare was bred to Irish War Cry, but didn't get in foal, and will return to the son of Curlin this year.

"She's a big mare—well-bodied and pretty good conformation," said Rofe.

Now based on the old Hickory Tree Farm in Middleburg, Va., Rofe has had another relationship come full circle.

"It's a beautiful farm," Rofe said. "I remember when the Millses [James and his

wife Alice duPont] had it, going back to Devil's Bag [whom Calvin Rofe inspected at the yearling sale prior to their purchase of the future champion in 1982]. It's just been an ideal situation for us. We've been very fortunate. The Virginia-certified program has brought a new life to the horse industry in Virginia. We have many weanlings and many yearlings because of that program. It's been a good boost for the business."

The Girls of Northview PA

Pennsylvania-bred Grand Prix was already a notable mare—thanks to two stakes wins, \$225,996 in earnings and Breeders' Cup and Eclipse Award-winning half-sister Finest City—before she graced last month's cover with her flashy Mendelssohn filly.

"She lives in Kentucky most of the year, but was here to foal and delivered a big, strong filly that was one of the first Mendelssohns," said Tim Fazio, general manager of Northview Stallion Station's Pennsylvania division. "It was her first foal, but she took right to it. She's a great mother and took it all in stride."

Grand Prix made 18 starts for breeder Hank Nothhaft's HnR Nothhaft Horse Racing, winning four including a maiden special weight at Golden Gate Fields in California and two stakes in Pennsylvania. The daughter of Tale of the Cat joined the Nothhaft breeding program, which typically uses Northview as a foaling site for mares bred to Kentucky stallions. Grand Prix fits right in.

"She can be a little bit pushy sometimes," said Fazio, who quickly called that a positive. "She's got that racehorse mentality and I think the best broodmares are usually tough. They have to have that toughness, just like people. You can't get by on sheer talent sometimes. It's a trait people don't talk about as much when they're breeding—the will or the want to actually do their jobs, to have that heart. You can see it in some horses."

Dan McConnell's mare Lucky Notion is a Northview fixture with foals by farm stallions Redeemed, El Padrino and Uncle Lino the last few years and the success of her Pennsylvania-bred son Prince Lucky (a multiple graded stakes winner by Corinthian).

She was expecting a foal by Goldencents this year and was potentially headed back to that Kentucky stallion while her 2-year-old filly Katesaluckygirl, by Uncle Lino, was following Prince Lucky's footsteps to trainer Todd Pletcher. For Fazio and everyone at Northview, the success is special.

"We have a lot of mares that come for the season and go home, and we have some that live here year-round too," he said. "It's natural to get an attachment to the mares that live here. You get to know them more. For us, Lucky Notion was this little Great Notion mare we all loved and then she had a good horse. She has that solid, big-bodied frame and gives it to her foals."

Another resident mare, Elena Says Hello, lost her "husband" when Jump Start passed away in May last year. The daughter of Harlan's Holiday had four foals by the regional leader and Northview pillar: stakes-placed 4-year-old Jump for Alex, 3-year-old filly Jumpintoaction (second in her debut last fall), unraced 2-year-old Eddie's Charge and a January filly this year. She's been bred back to Hoppertunity, which is the end of one era but perhaps the start of a new one.

For owner Ed Stone, who died at age 100 last year, Massachusetts-bred Elena Says Hello won once in six starts at Suffolk Downs before being injured in her sixth (a \$5,000 claimer) and retired as a 3-year-old filly. Now owned by Stone's son Bob, she's come a long way.

"I started here in August 2014, and she got here the next breeding season," said Fazio. "She'd been at the racetrack, gotten hurt—she walked off the trailer, and she looked like a yearling. But she got in foal and thrived at it. She's still small, but she's totally different now. Her babies are all good-sized and she's a great mother."

—Joe Clancy



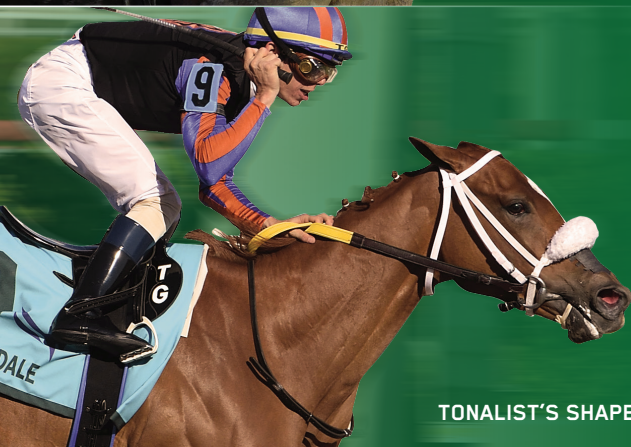
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Road Trip

Gracious Hall of Famer Robinson
meets namesake, delivers a memory

By Linda Dougherty. Photographs by Jerry Dzierwinski.

The call came two days before. It was Mary Boskin.
“I’m picking Brooks up Saturday morning and then we’ll meet you at the Hilton in Pikesville,” she said. “We’ll drive to Laurel Park together, see the horse, and have lunch.”

How, I wondered, had Boskin managed to arrange this? Brooks Robinson wasn’t just an ex-professional ballplayer. He’s considered a Baltimore legend, the greatest third baseman to play the game, earning 16 Gold Gloves, the World Series MVP in 1970, and induction into the Hall of Fame on the first ballot. Naming a racehorse for him was one thing. Picking him up in your car and spending the day at the races together? Now that was a longshot of Mine That Bird proportions.

Athletes of Robinson’s stature don’t make themselves accessible to any Tom, Dick or Harry—or Mary or Linda—who asks. Yet Robinson, 82, as humble and homespun as when he first signed with the Orioles in 1955, still enjoys the attention and interacting with the community, of which he’s been a part since he retired from baseball in 1977. He also still represents the Orioles organization as a special ambassador, attending events and making short speeches.

“I like people,” he once said.

He’s been praised by sportswriters, his Baltimore Orioles family, longtime friends, and legions of fans for his kindness, caring, and down-to-earth demeanor.

The late Earl Weaver, manager of the Orioles, once said, “He’s one of the nicest guys you’ll ever meet in your life. It was unreal. He never had a bad day.”

Norman Rockwell painted Robinson in a familiar pose—signing an autograph for a young boy at the ballpark—and entitled it, “Gee, Thanks, Brooks.” Brooks and his wife Connie, incidentally, sold the painting

along with other valuable items of memorabilia in 2015, and gave all the proceeds to charity.

So naturally, when Boskin reached him by telephone and asked whether he would want to meet his equine namesake, a 5-year-old Not For Love gelding with trainer Hugh McMahon at Laurel—Robinson agreed. And as Boskin pulled up outside the Hilton in her 25-year-old Lexus, I was amazed to see him sitting beside her, wearing jeans, a blue North Face jacket, and a Caves Valley golf course baseball cap. I climbed into the back seat. In a brown bag, Boskin had two winner’s circle photos of Brooks Robinson, the horse, for him.

Sure, he looked a lot different than the photos from his playing days. The hands that speared line drives were gnarled, his hair was white. But as we rode to Laurel, it was like talking with an old friend.

“We usually travel somewhere in the winter, but we haven’t been anywhere the last two years,” said Robinson, his voice still heavy with an Arkansas accent, in response to Mary asking why he and

Connie weren’t in Florida. “We’ve got a granddaughter here and a grandson, so we just stay close. They live in Glyndon. I don’t like to fly. I don’t fly very much anymore. Last Sunday [Feb. 9] I went to Houston down and back, I came home around midnight. I’d rather come home than stay somewhere overnight.

“I’m doing some things for the Orioles, I’ve got to go to Sarasota for spring training and do a couple of things for the team soon,” he continued. “I won’t even see a game.”

“Brooks, why?” asked Boskin.

“I don’t like hanging around, that’s all,” he replied. “I’d rather be home.”

Other details of his life emerged as Boskin navigated the congested roads to Laurel Park. I prayed we would make it to the track without incident. Boskin inquired about his family.

“My son Christopher is 57, he’s the second youngest and he’s retired right now,” Robinson said. “He worked in the automotive business for a long time and he just got tired so he decided to take a couple of years off. I’ve got 10 grandchildren, with one granddaughter working in New York for Goldman Sachs.”

I asked him if he’d ever had a horse named after him before. He laughed.

“Not as far as I know,” he said.

“I was so afraid that I wouldn’t get the name from The Jockey Club,” said Boskin. “There was already a horse called Brooksie Robinson.”

“I’ve got a lot of little Brooksie’s running around in this town,” said Brooks. “When I go out to do something—sign autographs or make a speech—I’ll always run into someone who said they named their child Brooks.”



Former Orioles great Brooks Robinson meets his equine namesake Brooks Robinson at Laurel Park in February.

"I saved the best name for last," Boskin told him. "I saved your name for a horse I thought would be really good. I'm lucky he turned out so well."

Ever been to the Preakness?

"I've been to Preakness one time, about 10 years ago, I don't remember who won," he said. "I like to go to the races, I'm kind of hooked on off-track betting now at Timonium. I like to box horses when I bet. I go to Timonium with Ronnie Hansen, who's been one of my best friends for a long, long time. I signed in 1955, he signed in 1956, and he was Rookie of the Year in 1960."

The miles flew past. Suddenly we were off I-695 and headed down Route 1 toward Laurel. There was a good card at the track, with five stakes races on the program. Robinson was asked whether he'd lived in the Baltimore area since retirement, if he attended many Orioles games now, and his thoughts on the current state of baseball.

"My wife Connie always said she didn't want to go to Little Rock [his hometown], and she lived in Detroit, and I didn't want to go to Detroit, so we just said, 'Well, we'll stay in Baltimore,'" he said. "Where we live, it's very nice and quiet."

"I go to Orioles games once in awhile, I'll go Opening Day and maybe eight or nine times during the year, but I'd rather sit home and watch them on TV," he said. "All the new players they've got now, I have to get familiar with them."

Should Pete Rose be allowed in the Hall of Fame? Mary inquired.

"I've always said no, but now what's going on with all the cheating [the Houston Astros were recently caught running a sophisticated sign-stealing operation] there's a new wave of sympathy going around for him," he said. "I know Pete well, but I don't want him in the Hall of Fame."

The topic turned to another Hall of Fame Orioles player, Frank Robinson, the World Series MVP four years before Brooks, who played alongside him during those glory days before becoming a manager with the Indians, Giants, Orioles, Expos and Nationals.

"He mellowed out a little toward the end of his life," said Robinson of his former teammate's often surly personality. "He was a tough hombre."

A ringing phone interrupted the conversation and Boskin asked Robinson to grab it from her purse on the floor in front of the passenger seat. He didn't get there in time.

"You know what," he said, "I'm not in the 21st century yet. I've got a flip-top phone, I don't want a smartphone. I get very few calls, to tell you the truth."

Robinson didn't just answer questions. He asked plenty about racing too.

"Can you still use Lasix the day of the race, is that the way it is now?"

"Do officials really look into things like they should?"

"Do you know who I know pretty well? Kent Desormeaux. I met him when he was riding here [in Maryland]."

Soon, Boskin turned in to Laurel's stable gate and then parked outside McMahon's barn. It wasn't Robinson's first visit to the stable area.

"I've come down here with [Maryland breeder and owner] Frank [Wright] and

looked at his horses," said Robinson, who spryly hopped out of the car and headed inside. There, McMahon and several members of his staff greeted him, leading him to the stall of Brooks Robinson.

"He's very friendly," said McMahon, giving Robinson some treats to feed the gelding. Without hesitation, the man got up close and personal with the horse, while cameras clicked. Someone had an idea to bring the horse outside, so better pictures could be taken. Another suggestion came that Robinson should take the shank and

lead the horse out. That was quickly shot down, thankfully, as Brooks Robinson the horse threw his head and tried to rear.

"Is it true they used to call you Mr. Hoover?" McMahon, a native of Great Britain, asked.

Robinson said it was.

The barn visit soon concluded, but Boskin, Robinson and I headed to the frontside for lunch. At nearly every turn, he was recognized and greeted warmly—by the parking valet, track security personnel, people inside Tycoons restaurant—and we

Brooks & Brooks

Named for Orioles great,
Boskin homebred a hit on track

By Linda Dougherty

For as long as she can remember, Mary Boskin has idolized Brooks Robinson, the Hall of Fame third baseman and multiple Gold Glove Award winner who spent his entire career with the Baltimore Orioles.

A Thoroughbred owner/breeder and former elementary school teacher, Boskin has fond memories of sitting at old Memorial Stadium with her young son, watching Robinson work his magic at the "hot corner."

Robinson, nicknamed "The Human Vacuum Cleaner" and "Mr. Hoover" by sportswriters due to his ability to snare any ball hit toward third base, played on successful Orioles teams of the late 1960s through the mid-1970s. They gave fans plenty to cheer about as they captured multiple pennants and divisional championships and two World Series, in 1966 and 1970. In 1970, Robinson was named World Series MVP for his stellar fielding and .429 batting average.

"I used to purposely get seats near the third base side just so I could watch Brooks," said Boskin, who lives on an 18-acre farm in Owings Mills, a few miles from Pimlico. "And I met him when he would come over to sign autographs. Brooks would sign autographs for anyone."

Fast forward more than 50 years, and Boskin's love of the now 82-year-old Robinson has never waned. She decided,

when her broodmare Lovely Rose B delivered a dark bay colt by Not For Love in 2015, to give him a special name.

"I was waiting to name a good horse after Brooks Robinson," said Boskin, who is winding down her breeding operation after several decades, "and it looks like I picked the right one."

In order for Boskin to name the colt after Robinson, she had to follow the rules of The Jockey Club, which required written permission. While she'd never met the star player, she knew he lived not far from her home, and left a letter for him at the gatehouse of his Caves Valley community, asking if he would agree to let a Thoroughbred bear his name.

"I got a letter back from him—on embossed stationery with the words Hall of Fame on it—with his acceptance," said Boskin.

Thus far, Brooks Robinson has shown some talent as a racehorse, although it took a little while. Unplaced in his first four starts, he broke his maiden in April 2019 at Laurel Park after moving to the barn of trainer Hugh McMahon.

A three-bagger followed late last year with two starter wins at Laurel Park in October and November and an allowance at Penn National in December. This year, he'd finished third once in two starts through February while pushing his lifetime earnings to \$105,403.

The gelding's bottom line runs deep through the history of the Boskin family. Mary's parents, Dr. Martin Boskin and his wife, Anna, bought the Owings Mills farm in the late 1940s and raised an assortment of animals, from Thoroughbreds to shorthorn cattle. Anna grew up on a farm in Ireland and came to America as a teenager in 1930, where she found work as a receptionist in New York and later met her husband, an optometrist. They raised three daughters, with Mary, the youngest, becoming intensely interested in Thoroughbreds.

One of the first horses bred by Mary Boskin was also her best. Me Darlin Anna B., foaled in 1981, was voted champion Maryland-bred 2-year-old filly thanks to victories in the Frolic, Find, Smart Angle and Kindergarten Stakes, as well as a placings in the Grade 1 Selima and against boys in the Maryland Juvenile Championship for her trainer King Leatherbury.

As a yearling, the daughter of Rollicking was consigned to the 1982 Maryland Select sale to dissolve a partnership, but was an RNA at \$42,000. It was Dr. Boskin who bought out Mary's partner, and then the filly was presented to Anna Boskin as a gift and later named after her.

"My mother deserved that filly," Mary said, "because if it weren't for her, she wouldn't have existed."

Her mother had claimed Me Darlin Anna B.'s dam, the graded stakes winner Another Episode, and delivered the filly on a cold late January night at the farm. She was the first foal from Another Episode to win a race, as the mare had experienced several years of bad luck that included losing a suckling colt by Christopher R. in a breeding shed accident, slipping twins by Rollicking, and having a colt by Rollicking injure a tendon as a yearling.

Nine years after foaling Me Darlin Anna B., Another Episode produced Martyanna,

were joined at our table by Hall of Fame trainer King Leatherbury. An old friend of Robinson's, Leatherbury was also Boskin's trainer for many years—conditioning her most accomplished homebred, Maryland champion Me Darlin Anna B.

Leatherbury brought with him a thick book of handicapping material, and proceeded to give his thoughts on who to bet. Robinson made several trips to the window, but as the afternoon wore on, he asked if we could start for home. He

was meeting his granddaughter for dinner. He couldn't finish his club sandwich, and handed it to me to take home.

As Boskin drove back toward Pikesville with the winter sun getting low in the sky, I realized my day to remember was swiftly coming to an end. I savored those last moments, listening as the topic in the front seat turned to health concerns (as they naturally do when people get older) such as frequent blood tests, medications,

and A-fib. He coughed a little. Brooks Robinson was human, after all.

He shook my hand once again as I opened the car door to leave, and suddenly it was over. Boskin said she was going to try and have him come to the track for a race. That was something to look forward to.

I saved the plastic toothpick with the little gold horseshoe on top that held the club sandwich together. I put it in my memorabilia drawer. ✱

a winning daughter of Waquoit. Upon Martyanna's retirement, she produced Lovely Rose B, a six-time winner by In Case who earned \$108,690. And when Lovely Rose B joined the broodmare band, she first produced Me Darlin Kara, a winner of nearly \$58,000, in 2014, before producing Brooks Robinson, her final foal, in 2015. The gelding was one of the last Not For Loves to hit the ground, as part of the sire's 20-horse final crop—and the last horse Mary Boskin bred.

Me Darlin Anna B. turned out to be a good broodmare for Boskin, producing Maryland Million Lassie winner Lovely Tasha in 1994 to the cover of *Private Terms*, as well as seven other winners.

Boskin has eight pensioners on her farm, including Lovely Rose B. Most of her homebreds are named after friends and family, such as Doc Marty, Me Darlin Marty, Mary B, Me Darlin Bobby, and Me Darlin Kevin. She'd like to find them good homes.

"She's got an 'A' type personality," said Boskin of Lovely Rose B. "She bosses the other horses around and thinks she's the queen."

And while Brooks Robinson continues to live up to the fine form his namesake showed while patrolling third base for the Orioles, Boskin said it was beyond her wildest dreams that the human Robinson got to meet the horse at Laurel Park Feb. 15, thanks to several phone calls and good timing. Robinson, who still works on behalf of the Orioles organization as a special advisor and community ambassador, had been planning to embark to Sarasota, Fla., for several events during spring training.

"He was the classiest athlete, and he's a super person," she said. "I think he likes knowing the horse is a winner, too." ✱



Breeder Mary Boskin and Brooks Robinson share a moment at Laurel in February. Boskin's horse Brooks Robinson has won four races and earned \$105,403.

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Clear for Takeoff

MATCH flies into 2020 with momentum, cooperation

By Cindy Deubler

As the Cessna 182 four-seater flew through the murky night sky, visibility practically nil, the pilot, trainer Jerry Robb, with 10 years of flight experience, strained to see the runway at Baltimore-Washington International. Alongside him sat white-knuckled passenger Alan Foreman, who feared whether they'd make it. The creator of the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championships then thought, "God, what I'm doing just for this series."

The plane made a harrowing, yet safe, landing as Robb saw the runway through a small break in the thick clouds. "It was a very frightening evening for me," said Foreman of the night he flew home from Penn National after attending the final series race of 1998. It was the second time that evening Foreman's heart was racing—MATCH's second year ended in dramatic fashion, with the overall title determined by the outcome of that final race.

"The first two years of the series I would go from track to track. I would never miss a series race," said Foreman, remembering back to the early days when he was trying to create the brand. The series ran from 1997 through 2001, went on a 16-year hiatus until 2018, and goes into 2020 with an expanded schedule of races, more tracks and an additional division. Much like the year it made its debut.

"MATCH is the one and only of its kind in horse racing," said Foreman a month before the April 2020 kickoff.



Alan Foreman, with winning rider Mike McCarthy, presents a MATCH trophy at Delaware Park in 1997.

"That's the case when we started, and that's still the case today." Combining rich stakes and bonuses for participating owners and trainers, runners compete for MATCH points, earned for participation and order of finish in each series race.

From year one, the response was strong. Trainers and owners got to run for more than purse money—there was the chance of bonus money and bragging rights. Fans could find rooting interests, not only in divisional clashes, but by following the standings which determined the overall champion at the end of the year. "It's like NASCAR, the PGA tour, the pro tennis tour," said Foreman. "The idea was to

create an event where you could follow these horses throughout the series."

The series grouped 35 stakes—seven in each of five divisions—run in five states, at eight racetracks. Arthur Appleton's American Champ, trained by Bob Camac, won the overall championship in 1997, having competed in six stakes in the 3-Year-Olds Sprint division. After six months, two points (29-27) separated him and Candy Stable's Tim Ritchey-trained Cat Be Nimble, who contested all seven stakes in the 3-Year-Olds and Upward Sprint—Dirt division.

To earn bonuses, a horse had to compete in three states. American Champ ran at Pimlico, Delaware Park, Philadelphia Park (now Parx Racing), Monmouth Park, Meadowlands and Colonial Downs, winning three times. Appleton received a bonus of \$140,000—\$120,000 for the overall title; Camac took home \$40,000. The runner-up spot earned half those amounts.

The series made its debut April 19, 1997, with the Federico Tesio Stakes-G3 in the 3-Year-Olds Long—Dirt division at Pimlico. The winner was Triple Crown-bound Concerto, owned by New York Yankees owner George Steinbrenner's Kinsman Stable, and trained by John Tammamro III. The Tesio was one of 14 graded stakes on the schedule the first year, by design, but that would soon change. What became the norm for the graded races were shippers who didn't necessarily stick with the program, and that wasn't the



American Champ was the first MATCH champion when the series began in 1997.

goal. Early runners included Formal Gold, Skip Away, Distorted Humor, Pyramid Peak and Smoke Glacken.

"MATCH at that time attracted a certain segment of the region—the upper echelon," said Foreman. With constant evaluation and shaping, the program now works "to try to find true champions competing in the region."

The most recent championship winners were Fair Hill-based Jessica Krupnick, trained by Tres Abbott for Sycamore Racing V; and Monmouth Park-based Bronx Beauty for 2W Stables and trainer Anthony Margotta Jr. in a tiebreaker over Jim Reichenberg and Cash is King's Ms Locust Point, trained at Parx by John Servis.

The idea of MATCH came to Foreman from a nationwide program that ran in the early 1990s, the American Championship Racing Series, created to highlight the top handicap horses around the country. It was shown before a national television audience, years before the internet, allowing fans to easily follow their favorite horses. The top four performers based on a point system earned bonus money.

Due to infighting and decreasing track support, ACRS folded after a few years.

"At the same time the NTRA was forming and we were talking about how to market [the sport]," recalled Foreman. "I thought, 'Why not create something like

this at a regional level?' And instead of one division, have four or five divisions."

Foreman doesn't draw a salary, and notes that those who help with the marketing and promotion—David Richardson, who was there from the start in 1997 when with the David Hayden Advertising agency, and writer Tom LaMarra—"do it for the love of the business. We want to make it first rate—that it reflects well on the business, reflects well on the people in the business." MATCH has an active website; a recent addition is an online booklet with a summary of 2019 as well as the history of the series.

The work of pulling the series together takes cooperation from many segments of the industry.

MATCH begins with local horsemen groups, who put up the bonus money. Foreman stresses the cooperation of the horsemen's organizations in the region—the Thoroughbred Horsemen's Associations and Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Associations—working together and providing the significant funding to make the series a reality.

The breeders' associations started offering breeders' bonuses in 2018. The tracks put up a small amount for marketing and promotion.

Then it's up to the tracks' racing offices to hammer out the details.

"What's truly amazing to me," said Foreman, "is when you get all the racing directors in the room, and the horsemen's representatives, and we try to design the schedule, in an industry that has so vastly changed in the last 20 years—it's much more competitive now, and much tougher—then watch them in action collectively trying to make something work."

"To fulfill the concept of MATCH and what it's designed to accomplish and watch them move races, and reschedule races, to try to make something work for everyone... Look, we've had our hiccups over the past couple of years, but to watch that dynamic at work and see them truly want to make it happen, is what I think is what is the most impressive part of the whole thing."

The first six years of the series (the initial five and in 2018) were put together with stakes dates the tracks had already set. Those years, few of the division races fell on the same date, yet alone the same card, except on the final day of the series.

Choices had to be made to attend "Championship Day" in person, as no more than two of the five divisional races were held at the same track. To see multiple stakes, you had to travel and fast, which prompted Foreman to ask Robb if he would fly him from Colonial Downs to Penn National in 1998.

That year the title came down to Sam Huff's turf mare Bursting Forth, trained by Graham Motion, and the William Perry-trained older dirt sprinter Buffalo Dan for owner B.E. Stable. Bursting Forth traveled to Colonial Downs for the All Along-G3 after winning two stakes in the series and finishing second twice. She accomplished her mission and took over the championship's top spot the afternoon of Oct. 3.

Buffalo Dan lined up 5½ hours later in Penn National's Mario Beneito Memorial Handicap, seeking his fourth consecutive series win (he had finished third in his first series start). It was a must-win to take the title, and he romped by 7½ lengths while equaling the 6-furlong track record. He outfinished Bursting Forth by one point and earned \$120,000 in bonuses for owner Steve Belkin.

A significant change was made for 2019, which created MATCH Series event days. Last year all the series' stakes were held on a specific card, rotating to tracks around the region.

"It was Todd Mostoller, Executive Director of the Penn National HBPA, who asked if we ever thought of creating big event days and doing all the races at one track and move it from track to track," said Foreman. "We never thought it was feasible. We thought it was a great idea but not feasible. We had these folks in the room and we watched them try to make it happen."

They got it done. The series started at Laurel in late April, moved to Penn in June, Delaware Park in July, Parx in early September, and concluded with the championship day the end of September at Monmouth.

"Monmouth created a special event day, and it was a huge day in year-to-year comparisons," noted Foreman.

This year Colonial Downs and Charles Town asked to join the series. "We really have gone back to our original roots," said Foreman. The kickoff in April will begin at Charles Town, but to offer races in the turf divisions, Laurel will host two of the five stakes. The rest of the schedule will rotate, starting with Pimlico, moving to Penn National, Delaware Park, Colonial Downs, Monmouth Park and ending at Parx. The dates all fall about a month apart, and in a spirit of cooperation, the tracks are not supposed to schedule stakes on top of it or take horses out of the series, which would then take away from the next track's big event day, according to Foreman. "If there is a problem, we'll try to work through it and try to fix it. We're going to try to improve the communication with the tracks this year," he said. "That's my responsibility, MATCH's responsibility."


The tracks are working to highlight MATCH days in 2020. "Penn is creating a special event day on Father's Day. The other tracks will do the same thing." The championships will run at Parx this year on Oct. 10—the plan is to move it to a different track each year. Foreman noted that Parx has a lot of big events in the fall. "And they are getting another big event day. If they have anything like they had at Monmouth last year, it'll be tremendous."

When MATCH launched in 1997, Foreman expected it to "fill a marketing void in the industry that did not exist." Struggles in the industry caused its demise after five seasons, but the desire to revive it was always there.

Foreman credits work done in the region a few years ago regarding health, safety and welfare which demonstrated a region willing to work together. That allowed MATCH to be brought back into the conversation. "I was stunned that it came back," he said. "Six or seven years ago I thought it would never happen."

"It's pretty amazing," he continued. "You don't see this anywhere else in the country. Look at how many states, how many racetracks, are cooperating with each other to lift everybody. It's truly a willingness among the tracks and horsemen to think that the series is good for everybody, and they are willing to make changes to make the series work for the industry and the business and the promotion."

"When we brought it back we didn't know what the reaction would be," he said. "It's a pleasant surprise to me that it fit right back in. It's doing so well."

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Fanning the Flames



Firenze Fire rewards patience with General George triumph

By Joe Clancy



In late March 2012, My Every Wish finished second in her debut for a \$12,500 claiming price at Aqueduct and got claimed—moving from trainer Carlos Martin's barn to David Jacobson's. Less than three weeks later, she was in for \$16,000 at Aqueduct—and bet down to even money. Trainer Jason Servis reached in and added the 3-year-old filly to Ron Lombardi's Mr Amore Stable.

All they wanted was a useful horse. They had to wait, but they got much more.

My Every Wish emerged from that race with an injury, never fully recovered and was retired. People told Lombardi to give up, move on, take the loss. He opted to turn her into a broodmare.

"Everybody said don't breed her, she doesn't have much and this and that. I just said, 'I've got nothing else to do, let's breed her,' and here we are. It's storybook, it's a fairytale."

More like a tall tale.

My Every Wish's first foal, a Poseidon's Warrior colt born in 2015, is Firenze Fire—millionaire, Grade 1 winner, Kentucky Derby-G1 starter, three-time Breeders' Cup runner—and winner of the \$250,000 General George Stakes-G3 at Laurel Park Feb. 15.

As Lombardi says, you can't make this stuff up.

"She never actually raced for me," he said of the now 11-year-old mare. "I turned her out for over a year. She had a little knee problem, so she couldn't get back to the track. The reason I went with Poseidon's Warrior was he was in Florida and the [mare] was in Florida. I didn't want to pay the shipping. It's just one of those things that worked out."

Firenze Fire came into the General George off a light freshening after closing 2019 with wins in the Fabulous Strike Stakes at Penn National in November and the Gravesend Stakes at Aqueduct in December, and lived up to his status as the 1-2 favorite in a field of seven. The 5-year-old broke sharply, and came back to Irad Ortiz Jr. while allowing Honor the Fleet and Factor It In to pass on the inside. After splits of :23.58 and :46.89, Firenze Fire took over and quickly built a clear advantage. He won by 4 lengths in 1:22.38 for 7 furlongs. Threes Over Deuces edged Still Having Fun by a neck for second, as the late-runners couldn't make much impact. Firenze Fire collected \$150,000 while winning for the 10th time in 24 starts. He's earned \$1,841,750 and won a stakes at 2, 3, 4 and 5 for Lombardi and Servis.

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Owner/breeder Ron Lombardi of Mr Amore Stable watches Firenze Fire return after another graded stakes victory.



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“He always breaks well and he broke on top and you saw Irad just take him back to settle him and Irad never moved his hands,” Lombardi said. “I was totally confident in him. Irad said he just gave him a little nudge. I was expecting that in this race. But you never know, it’s horse racing.”

Lombardi learned about racing growing up. His family spent summers in Long Branch, N.J., and Saturdays included trips to Monmouth Park with his parents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

“We used to drive from Long Branch to Asbury Park and wait for the train to come in with the *Racing Forms* so they could handicap Friday night for Saturday,” he said. “I used to look at it and pick names or numbers, who knows?, but it was always something that was a family event. If they won when they were at the track, we went out to Marasco’s, a little Italian restaurant a block up the street, for dinner. If not, my Aunt Mary made spaghetti and meatballs.”

Long before those trips to Monmouth, Lombardi’s father owned a racehorse—as a way to de-stress from his work lettering gravestones after having a heart attack. Mackie’s Pall ran at Monmouth, Laurel, Hialeah and—apparently—helped plant a seed. Joe Lombardi’s son founded a chain of physical therapy centers, SportsCare Institute, in 1997 and watched it grow into a big business with 65 locations in New Jersey, New York and Florida.

“That’s the backbone of all this,” said the 62-year-old. “I grew up around it. Back then it was different. We used to walk, me and my cousins, a mile to the track and just stand at the fence and watch the horses go by. It’s fun. I love it. I was in Denver [the week of the General George], I called my

buddies up and said we’re taking the train to Baltimore. We had a great day.”

Horses like Firenze Fire will do that to you. The Florida-bred is Mr Amore’s leading earner, more than doubling that of Grade 3 winner Tightend Touchdown and other standouts such as Ribo Bobo and Vision Perfect. Lombardi used to fuel his racing stable solely through auction purchases and claims, but has branched into breeding—and not just with Firenze Fire and My Every Wish. The program includes 15 broodmares, mainly in New York, and he just purchased a farm in Boonton Township, N.J.

“I never got into the business to be a breeder,” he said. “I used to go to the auctions every year and buy anywhere from two to six horses. If I breed, I know my broodmares I have and that’s been working very well.”

A daughter of Langfuhr, My Every Wish is also the dam of Firenze Freedom, a 3-year-old Istan filly who placed in a stakes in January, plus a yearling full-brother to Firenze Fire and is in foal for 2020 to Speightstown.

Firenze Fire won the Champagne Stakes-G1 as a 2-year-old in 2017, and finished 11th in the Kentucky Derby the next year. He’s been mainly a miler/sprinter since, with wins in the Dwyer-G3 and Gallant Bob-G3 to go along with Grade 1 placings in the Allen Jerkens, Forego and Vosburgh. Lombardi briefly considered making his stable star a stallion this year, but will stick to racing for now even if there is some demand.

“He ran so well last time out I was like, ‘Why don’t we keep him going? Let’s race him for the year,’” he said. “I’m in no rush.

I love the sport, I’ll follow this horse anywhere he goes.”

Solid Reasoning

Four days after being crowned Maryland-bred champion older female of 2019, Majestic Reason made voters look smart by pulling a mild upset in the \$250,000 Runhappy Barbara Fritchie Stakes-G3, co-feature with the General George on Laurel’s Winter Carnival card.

The winner paid \$22.20 as the longest price in a field of six. Favorite Saguaro Row, who defeated Majestic Reason at Aqueduct in November, finished last in the 7-furlong test.

The win rewarded faithful bettors, but didn’t shock trainer Graham Motion.

“She is so straightforward, she is so honest, I felt very good about running today,” he said. “The only reservation I had was training on the all-weather [Tapeta surface at Fair Hill Training Center]. I’ve never trained her on the all-weather before, but actually she handled it really well.”

Fair Hill doesn’t fight the elements too much when it comes to keeping its dirt track open through freezing conditions in the winter, but the Tapeta is always an option and paid dividends for the 5-year-old mare owned by breeders Hillwood Stable and Richard Golden.

After seven starts in 2019, Majestic Reason nearly went to the sidelines for a break but the Fritchie—a graded stakes on a track she knows—beckoned.

“I wanted to put her away for the winter, but I just couldn’t not point for this race, a graded race, right here at Laurel, she loves Laurel,” said Motion. “There was



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Majestic Reason and Lisa Conway head to the track before the Barbara Fritchie.

discussion about retiring her, about giving her the winter off but I'm glad we stayed the course."

The daughter of Majestic Warrior and the Not For Love mare Love's Reason came into the Fritchie (just her second start in a graded stakes) with five wins and \$312,998 earned in a dozen starts including a 4-for-9 mark (with four seconds) at Laurel. Trevor McCarthy took the call in the Fritchie and found a spot behind pacesetters Blue Eyed Girl and Victim of Love through opening splits of :23.79 and :46.87. Majestic Reason briefly looked beaten as the field exited the turn, then found her best stride while winning by 2¼ lengths over Victim of Love with Anna's Bandit third after 1:23.35.

"That's her MO, she flattens out around the turn and then she comes on," said Mike

Golden, whose father Richard co-owns and co-bred the mare. "You worry when you watch her, but that's just her. We've seen it enough times now. She always tries, always digs in and does her best. She's not the most talented, but she tries. Now she's a graded stakes winner which helps her family too."

Love's Reason raced for Ellen Charles' Hillwood, honored as Maryland's leading owner of 2019, and won the 2010 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship Stakes before starting a broodmare career as part of a partnership between Charles and Golden. The foals include the stakes-placed Jump for Love (by Jump Start) and winner Good Reasoning (Scat Daddy) plus unraced 3-year-old colt Artistic Reason (Munnings) and 2-year-old filly Heartful (Bandbox).

"That is Mrs. Charles' mare, and we have a couple of horses we're partners on," said Mike Golden. "She is the best. Just like the mare, she is all class and has become a really good friend of mine. I'm really pleased for her and it's all because of the horses. It's so great to see her in the winner's circle, she loves her horses and always tries to do what's best for them."

Still Striking Gold

Champion Maryland-bred 3-year-old and a Preakness Stakes-G1 starter last year, Alwaysmining could have quite an encore planned in 2020 as he won his second stakes of the New Year in the \$100,000 John B. Campbell for Runnymore Racing and trainer Kelly Rubley.

The Campbell scratched down to five, and turned into a two-horse race as Alwaysmining and Monongahela threw down for pretty much every inch of the 1¼-mile test. Breaking from the inside, Alwaysmining jumped to an early lead going into the first turn but was matched by Monongahela and they were a half-length apart after a quarter-mile in :24.58. The margin was the same after a half in :48.11. Monongahela applied more pressure and was a head behind after 6 furlongs. They reached the stretch on even terms as Monongahela leaned in for Ortiz and stuck a head in front. Julian Pimentel switched his whip to his left hand, and Alwaysmining fought back. He pulled even just after the eighth pole and held sway by a neck. Someday Jones, who defeated the other two in December's Native Dancer, settled for third.

Rubley, who used to train Monongahela, was proud of Alwaysmining.

"That might be his best race ever," she said. "He dug in and showed a lot of heart. I was disappointed to see Monongahela on our outside and I just thought it was going to set up for him. In the Native Dancer we took Monongahela on a little bit too much and we didn't quite have enough to finish with."

Alwaysmining won three stakes at Laurel in 2019 to earn a spot in the Preakness, only to finish 11th. He lost twice more in June and July, but was rested until December. The time off helped the son of Stay Thirsty and the Anees mare What Will Be.

"He's grown, he's filled out a lot," said Rubley. "He's very mature. He's not babysat with the pony anymore. He's just a really cool horse to be around, he loves to train. We should have a fun year ahead of us."

Bred by Poppet Pitts, Alwaysmining won for the ninth time in 19 starts, and reached \$536,442 in earnings.

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Alwaysmining prevails over Monongahela with a determined inside run in the John B. Campbell.



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Claimed for \$25,000 in November, Naughty Thoughts scores in the Wide Country.

Good Claim

Jonathan Maldonado put it pretty simply when asked about Naughty Thoughts, the now 3-year-old The Factor filly he claimed for client Rafael Lopez in November.

“Well, obviously you claim a horse to do good with him [or her],” he said. “That was the plan. He’s a really good client and he let me choose the horse that I wanted and he supported me. When you have a client like that, you can do good.”

Maldonado and Lopez spent \$25,000 to claim Naughty Thoughts, and she rewarded them with a third (at 63-1) in the Maryland Juvenile Fillies Championship Stakes a month later. She won a starter next time out, and capped her 2-year-old season with a third in the Gin Talking Stakes in December. Bred in Maryland by Maryland Mare Venture, Naughty Thoughts opened 2020 with a second in January, then knocked off six others in the \$100,000 Wide Country to become a stakes winner.

The gray filly followed early leader Miss Marissa out of the gate as favorite Bella Aurora took a bump leaving from the rail, then galloped to the front for Jevian Toledo and made the lead stand up the rest of the way. Naughty Thoughts won by $4\frac{3}{4}$ lengths at 8-1 as Princess Cadey took second over longshot She’smysunshine. The pace play mattered, but Maldonado didn’t call it a requirement.

“The good thing is she’s a pretty good filly to ride,” said the former assistant to Hugh McMahon and Dane Kobiskie. “She can come from behind, she can be in front. I thought [Princess Cadey] was going to take the lead, but I told Jevian, if she wants to go to the lead let her go. When you try to fight with her and she wants to run, she doesn’t perform like I want.”

Auction Watchers

With the dispersal of horses from Joe Besecker’s deep stable, Fasig-Tipton Midlantic’s December mixed sale provided plenty to see and Maryland racing got the first example as former Besecker horses Lebda and Mine Not Mine finished first and second in the \$100,000 Miracle Wood Stakes.

Lebda, purchased for \$100,000 by Valter Ramos of Euro Stable and kept with trainer Claudio Gonzalez, forced the pace early from the inside post and set fractions of :22.96 and :45.57. Seven lengths clear in the stretch, he hung on to win by three-quarters of a length over late-running Mine Not Mine (a \$210,000 buy at the sale). Gonzalez trained the 1-2 finishers as

2-year-olds, won races with both, and was dismayed by Besecker's decision to sell.

"They are good horses," said the trainer. "I went with Valter, the owner, and we tried to buy [Lebda] because I know he can run. He's a nice horse. I lost Mine Not Mine too, but he was even more expensive. It's not easy, we knew he was going to go for a lot of money but I wanted Valter to go for him and to keep him to train."

Gonzalez likes what he's seen from Lebda, a \$1,000 yearling purchase by Besecker, at 3.

"He's grown up, he looks beautiful, he pays more attention to the job in the morning and everything," he said. "He's easy to train, you tell him to go a little more he goes, you need him to slow down he slows down." ✱

February stakes results for Laurel Park

2/15 Barbara Fritchie-G3 (\$250K). 7F. 4&up, F&M.

Winner: **MAJESTIC REASON** (b.m., 5, Majestic Warrior—Love's Reason, by Not For Love). B-Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds and Ellen Charles (Md.). O-Hillwood Stable LLC and Richard L. Golden. T-H. Graham Motion. J-Trevor McCarthy. Time: 1:23.35. Margin: 2¼. 2nd: **Victim of Love**. 3rd: **Anna's Bandit**.

2/15 General George-G3 (\$250K). 7F. 4&up.

Winner: **FIRENZE FIRE** (b.h., 5, Poseidon's Warrior—My Every Wish, by Langfuhr). B/O-Mr Amore Stables (Fla.). T-Jason Servis. J-Irad Ortiz Jr. Time: 1:22.38. Margin: 4. 2nd: **Threes Over Deuces**. 3rd: **Still Having Fun**.

2/15 John B. Campbell (\$100K). abt. 1¼ mi. 4&up.

Winner: **ALWAYS MINING** (dk.b./br.g., 4, Stay Thirsty—What Will Be, by Anees). B-Avla Pitts (Md.). O-Runnymore Racing. T-Kelly Rubley. J-Julian Pimentel. Time: 1:42.46. Margin: neck. 2nd: **Monongahela**. 3rd: **Someday Jones**.

2/15 Miracle Wood (\$100K). 1 mi. 3YO.

Winner: **LEBDA** (dk.b./br.c., Raison d'Etat—Lenders Way, by Hook and Ladder). B-Calumet Farm (Ky.). O-Euro Stable. T-Claudio A. Gonzalez. J-Alex Cintron. Time: 1:38.38. Margin: ¾. 2nd: **Mine Not Mine**. 3rd: **Romanoff**.

2/15 Wide Country (\$100K). 7F. 3YO F.

Winner: **NAUGHTY THOUGHTS** (gr./ro.f., The Factor—Sweet Thoughts, by A.P. Indy). B-Maryland Mare Venture (Md.). O-Rafael Lopez. T-Jonathan Maldonado. J-Jevian Toledo. Time: 1:24.01. Margin: 4¾. 2nd: **Princess Cadey**. 3rd: **She'smysunshine**.



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Meet in the Middle

Jockeys, management reach agreement to avert cancellation, improve conditions

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

Parx Racing made headlines in early February when jockeys refused to ride the Feb. 9 card, resulting in an overnight sheet showing blank spaces where their names should be for the nine races.

The issues 34 jockeys wanted management to address were poor conditions in the jockeys' room, as well as the aggressive methods the track employed to conduct yearly background investigations for license renewals. Jockeys were also concerned that Parx hadn't given funds to the Jockeys' Guild for disability, accidental death and dismemberment, and life insurance.

The riders and Parx management were able to come to an agreement after a conference call Feb. 6 on all issues except for the Jockeys' Guild funding, which will be revisited.

Terry Meyocks, Guild president and chief executive officer, said the jockeys' room hadn't been renovated since the track opened 48 years ago, and that the riders and valets will be involved in the plans to modernize it. The work is scheduled for a three-week racing hiatus in August.

As for the background checks for license renewals, Meyocks said that the track's investigation process had become so invasive that minor infractions and violations from a rider's past had become reasons to deny a renewal. He said that attorneys for Parx and the Jockeys' Guild would work together to craft a policy that would "maintain a common-sense approach" regarding the eligibility for licensing.

■ Trainer Tyler Servis, the son of Kentucky Derby-winning trainer John Servis, unveiled a well-bred first time starter Feb. 11 who handled two turns and a sloppy oval.

Khalid Mishref's Hebat, a 3-year-old daughter of Tiznow out of the Dixieland Band mare Stomping, was ignored at 6-1 as the only debut runner in the field of seven,

but grabbed the lead right out of the gate and led throughout.

"I was waiting for a two-turn race, as she showed me that she wanted some distance," Servis said. "The sloppy track wasn't a concern, either, as she's bred for the slop."

Mishref purchased Hebat at the 2018 Keeneland September yearling sale for \$175,000, and the filly was an RNA last year at Fasig-Tipton's Santa Anita 2-year-olds in training sale in June.

The filly, a half-sister to graded stakes winner Cyber Secret (\$652,993) and stakes placed Dontbetwithbruno (\$249,446), has a rich Christiana Stables heritage. Her third dam, Witching Hour, is a half-sister to champion Tempted, and produced Grade 1 winner Broom Dance (the dam of top sire End Sweep), Futurity Stakes winner and sire Salem, multiple graded stakes winners Pumpkin Moonshine and Tingle Stone, as well as Hecate, who produced Stomping's dam Foot Stone.

■ Trainer Ed Coletti and owner Ed Bruzek had much success the last several years with horses such as stakes winner Smokinpaddylassie, who won the Beyond The Wire Stakes at Laurel Park in 2018 and earned \$241,910 in her career.

Upon Bruzek's death last summer, his son Thomas took the reins of the racing stable, and visited the winner's circle with Pennsylvania-bred Triple Jump, who prevailed for a \$16,000 tag Feb. 22. The 3-year-old filly is a daughter of Jump Start out of the Greatness mare Triple Great.

"We bought her last April with Ed Bruzek and a couple other partners," Coletti said of Triple Jump. "When Ed passed away, his son decided to take over the business. It took her awhile to figure things out, but she's running really well now. I had been running her in earplugs because she was pretty nervous, but took

them out and put blinkers on, and she responded."

Triple Jump was purchased at last year's OBS April sale of 2-year-olds in training for \$30,000 from consignor Best A Luck Farm. The win Feb. 22 boosted her career earnings to \$39,006.

Gloria Bruzek, Ed's widow, retired Smokinpaddylassie and bred her to Pennsylvania stallion Uptowncharlybrown.

Another Coletti trainee, Uptowncharlybrown Stud's Dixie Serenade, was denied in her quest for her first 2020 victory when she was unable to catch Starlight Stables' E T's Gypsy Woman in an allowance Feb. 4.

The win over Dixie Serenade brought the career record of E T's Gypsy Woman, trained by Gustavo Chacon, to three starts, two wins, and \$67,790.

The 4-year-old filly is by Emperor Tiberius, a son of Storm Cat bred by Jayeff B Stables who won two races before his retirement to stud in Pennsylvania. Despite only standing for \$1,500 and having a total of 36 foals to date, Emperor Tiberius has sired stakes winner and \$328,556-earner Saratoga Jack.

E T's Gypsy Woman is a half-sister to multiple stakes winner and \$390,468-earner Miss Wilby.

■ Gary and Mary West made the winning bid for a son of Malibu Moon at the 2018 Keeneland September sale, paying \$385,000 for a bay colt they eventually named Magic Carpet. Out of the stakes-winning Point Given mare Winning Point, Magic Carpet started twice at 2, suffering a troubled trip third in his debut at Monmouth Park in September and another third at Aqueduct in late December.

Trainer Jason Servis brought Magic Carpet back in a 5½-furlong sprint at Parx Feb. 8, and the colt turned in a game effort as the heavy favorite, just lasting to win by a head after a stretch duel with the Richard Vega-trainer Big Ray. ★

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Alternate Forecast

Named for Pennsylvania lodge mascot, Octoraro Orphie picks up maiden score

BY LINDA DOUGHERTY

The biggest celebration of the year for the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge in Quarryville, Pa., is Feb. 2, which is—not surprisingly—Groundhog Day.

Members of the all-male club, with a chartered purpose of promoting “normal relaxation and clean, wholesome fun,” make the day a mix of pageantry and tradition. They dress in black top hats, white nightshirts and wrap scarves around their necks that bear the image of the club’s groundhog mascot, Octoraro Orphie. Then they parade across the covered bridge that spans the Octoraro Creek and loudly cheer the prediction of “Orphie the Magnanimous,” the rodent that is believed to forecast the end of winter, heralding his prognostication with song and dance.

Orphie, it must be noted, is now a stuffed groundhog, and “observation squads” help him make the seasonal weather forecast.

“Other so-called groundhogs may wage more effective publicity campaigns and draw celebrity endorsements like flies,” it states on the lodge’s website. “But Orphie is not distracted by the worldly pursuits of fame and fortune. To him and his followers, all that matters is his ongoing legacy of perfect accuracy. Every year since 1908, Orphie’s phenomenal (and still unbroken) streak of correct predictions has earned him the title of ‘the One True Groundhog.’”

Interestingly, despite having expired some years back, Orphie has gotten a second lease on life—not as a groundhog, but a horse.

The day before the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge’s annual festivities, a 3-year-old gelding named Octoraro Orphie battled to the wire at Penn National to break his maiden for owner and breeder WMT Stables, the nom de course of trainer Bernie Houghton and his wife, Shannon.

“Yes, the horse was named after the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge’s mascot,” said Bernie Houghton with a laugh.

Houghton is a member of the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge, which has been in existence for 112 years. It has more than 200 members, and requires men to be at least 35 years old to join, and conducts an initiation ceremony on Groundhog Day by dunking new enrollees into the frigid Octoraro Creek. Houghton decided to bestow the name Octoraro Orphie on a son of Jump Start out of the stakes-winning mare Marquee Kelly, foaled at his family’s Sylmar Farm just 13 days after Groundhog Day in 2017.

“Guys in the lodge kept asking me when the horse was going to race,” said Houghton. “They didn’t realize it takes quite awhile for them to get ready. I used to have to give little speeches about how the horse was doing at meetings.”

The dark bay gelding finally debuted Jan. 10 at the Grantville track, rallying to finish fourth after trailing most of the way. That experience paved the way for his maiden-breaker at 6 furlongs Feb. 1, in which he survived a bumping incident early, then recovered to launch a wide rally that propelled him to the finish a nose better than Yes Sir Colonel.

The happy gathering in the winner’s circle featured several members of the Slumbering Groundhog Lodge, with one wearing the white scarf emblazoned with Orphie’s namesake.

“They were going crazy when the horse won,” Houghton said. “Hopefully some of them will become fans of the sport.”

■ Flint Stites enjoyed an outstanding night Feb. 19 when he saddled winners in the two richest races on the card—one for a longtime owner, and the other for an ownership group with whom he’s had a more recent relationship.

Stites’ first trip to the winner’s circle was with Fu Man Sue, who romped in a maiden special weight for Dr. Stephen Jackson and his wife, Debbie, who also bred the 3-year-old son of Sky Mesa.

Stites has been training for the Jacksons for nearly 20 years, enough time to see the progeny of horses he once conditioned arrive in his shedrow.

The Jacksons own Jackson Purchase Farm in Versailles, Ky., where they breed for the commercial market and the race-track. Dr. Jackson is an expert in equine nutrition, holding a Ph.D. in the field and heading his own company, Bluegrass Equine Nutrition. He also is a consultant for leading farms across the world, including Darley, Juddmonte, Three Chimneys, Coolmore, Stud TNT in Brazil and North Hills Management in Japan.

“I’ve known Dr. Jackson since I was in high school,” said Stites. “I was in Kentucky when he was an extension agent and also a professor at the University of Kentucky.”

Stites trained the dam of Fu Man Sue, the stakes-winning Broken Vow filly My Sister Sue, for the Jacksons.

My Sister Sue has turned out to be a good producer. Her second foal, Dallas Cowgirl (by Cowboy Cal), was trained by Stites and was a stakes-placed earner of \$111,767. She has now joined the Jackson’s broodmare band, producing a colt by Palace Malice last year and a colt by Fast Anna in 2018.

A full-sister to Fu Man Sue, Frigid Sister, has placed in a pair of stakes and earned \$122,957 through March 9. Frigid Sister is also trained by Stites. My Sister Sue produced a filly by Astern (Aus) last season.

“Right now, I’ve got three full-siblings in my barn—Fu Man Sue, Frigid Sister and Dontmesawithsister,” said Stites. “And they’re all different. Frigid Sister is a chestnut like her dam, and she’s big and strong and fairly quick. But she doesn’t have the blazing speed that My Sister Sue had. Dontmesawithsister is a big bay gelding, and doesn’t look like the rest of them, while Fu Man Sue is a smaller chestnut, and he’s fast, too. He’s got a bright future.”

Stites’ second winner, Broad Street Bully, prevailed in a 6-furlong state-bred allowance for a relatively new owner, Prima Ventures, the stable name of New Jersey residents Dr. and Mrs. Charles Cordell. The group has horses with several trainers across the Mid-Atlantic, including Eli Betancourt at Parx Racing.

A 4-year-old son of El Padrino, Broad Street Bully broke his maiden in his debut Dec. 16 at Parx. The gelding came back to finish second in an allowance at Penn National in early January before winning again Feb. 19.

Broad Street Bully, out of the Broad Brush mare Broad Gale, is a half-brother to stakes-placed Broad Lover (\$293,678) and Single Broad (\$256,547).

One of the more accomplished runners Stites conditioned for Prima Ventures was the New Jersey-bred mare Totally Gaga, who earned \$141,753.

"I've been training for them for about five years," Stites said. As for Broad Street Bully, he added, "I really liked his last race, he was very game down the stretch. He's a really good-looking horse."

Stites, who owns a farm not far from Penn National, inched closer to his 2,000th win as a trainer. Through March 8, the former equine veterinarian had won 1,971 races from 14,654 starts, with earnings of more than \$31.8 million.

■ Hardesty Stables and M3 Racing Stable's Yellow Chick shipped from Parx and came away with a big win in a Pennsylvania-bred allowance Feb. 1. The daughter of Afleet Alex, trained by Michael Moore, hadn't won since breaking her maiden in June 2019, but responded to the change in scenery.

Yellow Chick's second dam Valay Bullet was a multiple stakes winner of \$219,071. A Maryland-bred daughter of Carnivalay, Valay Bullet was bred by Jeanne F. and Hal. C.B. Clagett and is a full-sister to multiple stakes winner and \$406,461-earner Silent Valay. ✨

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Commission honors Runnin'toluvya with Russell Road Award for stellar '19

BY TOM LAMARRA. PHOTOGRAPHS BY COADY PHOTOGRAPHY

Earlier this year Grams Racing Stable's Runnin'toluvya was honored by the West Virginia Thoroughbred Breeders' Association as the organization's co-Horse of the Year along with No Guts No Glory Farm's Anna's Bandit.

And on March 10, the West Virginia Racing Commission announced that the 6-year-old West Virginia-bred gelding by

Fiber Sonde was chosen as the recipient of its "Russell Road Award," which honors excellence on the racetrack by a West Virginia-bred runner.

Runnin'toluvya, trained by Tim Grams and bred by Leslie Cromer, last year began his 5-year-old season with a fitting victory in the Russell Road Overnight Prep Stakes in late March at Hollywood Casino at

Charles Town Races. He returned less than a month later to post an upset—despite his local popularity—in the \$1 million Charles Town Classic-G2.

Runnin'toluvya, the first West Virginia-bred to win the Charles Town Classic, followed with an allowance win at Charles Town in late May as a prep for the Philip H. Iselin Stakes-G3 at Monmouth Park. He finished fifth in New Jersey and only raced two more times in 2019: the Frank Gall Memorial, in which he finished second, and the lucrative West Virginia Breeders Classic, in which he checked in last after an incident in the starting gate.

Despite the short campaign, Runnin'toluvya earned \$621,660 and ended 2019 with total earnings of \$950,756 on a record of 13 wins and three seconds in 20 starts. The gelding through March 9 of this year had registered four workouts at Charles Town in preparation for a 2020 season in which he could become a millionaire.

Russell Road, who won 31 of 62 starts—many of them stakes—from 2008 until his retirement in 2016, was a local favorite who banked \$2,001,586, most of it at Charles Town. The WVRC came up with the idea to recognize one horse per year in the state as a testament to Russell Road—the first winner of the award—who was owned by Mark Russell and trained by James W. Casey.

■ As of mid-March the West Virginia racing community was waiting to see if Gov. Jim Justice would sign into law advance deposit wagering legislation passed by the Senate and House of Delegates. And the West Virginia Racing Commission was trying to figure out how it would find the funding to support regulation of ADW in the state.

The legislation was amended late in the game. The original bill called for a source-market fee of 5 percent and a 1 percent cut of total pari-mutuel handle for the WVRC. Those figures were reduced to 4 percent and 0.5 percent, respectively. In addition, a 1.5 percent was included, and that money would go to the state general fund for future appropriation by the state legislature.

"We'll be in the hole," WVRC member Ken Lowe said. "We're going into this knowing it doesn't work for us."

Joe Moore, executive director of the racing commission, said the agency plans to propose to the legislature various ways to fund the WVRC in the future. Moore



West Virginia-bred star Runnin'toluvya heads to the post with trainer Tim Grams aboard the lead pony.

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Chiefs Kingdom (top), the first stakes winner for her sire Our Entourage, and Fiber Sonde son Last Print prevail in February stakes at Charles Town.



February stakes results for Charles Town

2/14 Valentine's Day Overnight (\$35K). 4½ F. 4&up, F&M.

Winner: **CHIEFS KINGDOM** (dk.b./br.f., 4, Our Entourage—Heavenly Appeal, by Successful Appeal). B/O-David B. Bloom (W.Va.). T-Javier Contreras. J-Sunday Diaz Jr. Time: :52.94. Margin: 2. 2nd: **Halfway**. 3rd: **Gold and Strike**.

2/22 Gold Watch Overnight (\$35K). 4½ F. 4&up.

Winner: **LAST PRINT** (b.h., 5, Fiber Sonde—Bootprints, by Richter Scale). B/O/T-Javier Contreras (W.Va.). J: Carlos Delgado. Time: :51.77. Margin: 1½. 2nd: **Nova Boy**. 3rd: **Dupree**.

said the commission would “run out of funds” during fiscal year 2022.

“The next legislative session [in 2021] is when something has to be changed,” he said. “The chairman will authorize the commission when we get recommendations back on what we will approach the legislature with next year.”

“All of the racing constituents need to be involved,” WVRC chairman Jack Rossi said. “The constituents are the tracks and horsemen. They need to get involved in this and they have to be supportive of it.”

Moore said commission staff will look at several things, including lobbying for a change in code that allows the agency to charge a flat fee per track for each racing day. An alternative, he said, is to switch to a percentage of daily handle to support regulation.

It was noted that the Greyhound racing industry in West Virginia funds its own regulation.

The ADW bill goes into effect July 1. Given the tight time frame, Kelli Talbott, senior deputy attorney general for the racing commission, said emergency rules would be prepared, but they can't be submitted for consideration by the Secretary of State until the legislation takes effect.

The source market fee, which must be paid on a monthly basis to the WVRC, will be distributed by dividing each licensee's total handle by the total handle of all licensees in the state. The funds will be split as follows: 45 percent to the purse account of each racetrack, 45 percent to each racetrack, and 10 percent to either the West Virginia Thoroughbred Development Fund or Greyhound Breeding Development Fund.

Each ADW provider that applies for a license in West Virginia would pay a fee of \$5,000 per year. A fiscal note predicted that about four companies would apply for a license, and that the racing industry would derive about \$500,000 a year in revenue from advance deposit wagering.

In other business, the WVRC approved a capital expenditure of \$250,000 for Mountaineer Casino, Racetrack and Resort to resurface its dirt track in advance of the 2020 meet that begins April 26. ★



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Off to the breeding shed again



Windfields stallions Val de l'Orne (Fr), The Minstrel and Northern Dancer on parade.

I've always loved a trip to the breeding shed.

My first trip was to Merryland Farm in Hydes, Md. This would have been in 1981 and I was breeding a mare to the great Rock Talk. In those days Merryland was managed by the indomitable Betty Shea Miller, a force to be reckoned with in East Coast breeding circles. In your van, you approached the farm down a long sweeping hill as the fences and white barns sprawled out before you. This was not a fancy farm, but everything was trim and shipshape with a racetrack, training barn and long broodmare barn with attached breeding shed.

The mare I brought had a foal at her side and so they were brought into the barn, the mare and foal were led into a stall and the mare slipped out while the foal wasn't looking. I had expected that I would hold the foal in the shed, but I soon discovered that the stud man thought foals in the breeding shed distracted the mare and the stallion. I followed the mare into the shed and the whole business was over in about five minutes. We loaded the van and I was on my way. That's when I knew that I was really in the Thoroughbred business.

Over the years I have visited many breeding sheds from Hickory Tree in Middleburg, Va., to visit Hagley through Glade Valley in Frederick, Md., to see Rollicking and Thornmar on the Eastern Shore for a date with Horatius. By far, the one I have most often visited is the one (actually two) at what started as Windfields Farm and has now become Northview Station Station in Maryland.

In the heyday of Windfields, when the stallion roster included Northern Dancer, The Minstrel and Deputy Minister, breeders from all over the world would send mares to be bred at the Chesapeake City nursery. The farm couldn't handle all of the mares, so a network of satellite farms was needed to board, and often foal the mares.

In Chester County, Charlton, Walnut Green and Derry Meeting were among those farms. At Charlton we boarded mares for many Kentucky outfits but most particularly for International Thoroughbred Breeders, a publicly traded breeding operation conceived by Robert Brennan and managed by Kerry Fitzpatrick.

This was great business for our fledgling farm as we often got to raise the foals and sell them at Keeneland as yearlings. Brennan had raced Deputy Minister and had shares in The Minstrel so we were making the van trip to Chesapeake City often.

Windfields had other more moderately priced stallions we patronized with our own mares and those of our other clients. They had Caveat, Gregorian, Smarten, Two Punch, and many others. These stallions lived at the Annex which is now Two Legends Farm and had their own breeding shed there. The Annex was also where they kept the particularly slow breeders like T. V. Commercial. There were days when poor T. V. took an hour to cover his mare.

The breeding sheds at Windfields were run by Junior Clevenger who may be the calmest and most patient man I have known. In Junior's shed no one was ever in a hurry and no mare that wasn't ready was ever forced to be covered. The shed ran with military precision. Every member of the team knew his role and executed it flawlessly. Junior even had a specially constructed platform so that the pony-sized Northern Dancer could breed any mare presented to him.

The crew would breed the stallions at the Annex and then drive over to the main farm and breed those stallions next. One Sunday morning in 1985 I had a mare to breed to one of the Annex stallions so my 12-year-old son, Jamie, and I loaded her on the van and drove to Chesapeake City. I noticed that Northern Dancer was on the schedule for that morning so I asked Junior if he minded if I brought Jamie over to see

the world's most valuable horse breed. At that time it was not uncommon for people to pay \$1 million to breed to him. Junior said "sure" and we loaded up our mare and drove over to the main farm.

The breeding shed had a small viewing area between the offices and that is where Jamie and I were standing when Northern Dancer entered the shed. To say "he entered" is like saying Ali entered the ring or Cher entered the stage. He owned the building and he knew it. The humans were incidental to the scene.

Never one to waste time, Junior washed the stallion and positioned the mare so Northern Dancer could use his platform. He went up the ramp on his hind legs to cover the mare and at the top he seemed to falter. He waved his front legs like someone losing his balance and then he crashed over backward and hit the floor with a thud, flat on his back.

My only thought was that I had brought my son to see the death of the world's most valuable horse. Jamie stood, mouth agape, as the stallion recovered his bearings and got off the floor. His handlers seemed much more the worse for wear than he did, but they led him back to his stall and called for the veterinarians.

Jamie and I backed away slowly and hightailed it back home. We later learned that vets felt he had suffered a minor stroke and his breeding was curtailed for the rest of that season. He seemed to recover fully and continued to breed the following season on a limited basis.

I've never given up my love for going to the breeding shed. You just never know what you'll experience. ★

Now retired (mostly), Rick Abbott has been a breeder, owner, sales consignor, racing commissioner and pretty much anything else you can think of in Thoroughbred racing. He and his wife Dixie operated their farm Charlton for years in Pennsylvania, and are the owners of one broodmare—Christmas Eve—who recently foaled a colt by Jump Start.

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Hail and farewell

BY JOHN P. SPARKMAN



The recent death of the great racehorse and sire A.P. Indy served as a reminder of the vast changes that occurred in the breeding industry during his long lifetime.

A.P. Indy's first crop, born in 1994, included only 47 foals. In 2020 just about any freshman stallion in Kentucky that sired only 47 foals—barring some kind of health issue that curtailed his breeding season—would not sire a second Kentucky crop. Instead his stud manager would find a buyer at any price and move him on to make room for a more popular first-year sire in a market where 100 first-crop foals is seen as a bare minimum and 200 is not uncommon. Never mind that those 47 first-crop foals by A.P. Indy included 13 stakes winners (28 percent), three Grade 1 winners, plus top sire Pulpit, whose offspring include three-time leading sire Tapit.

A.P. Indy's legacy as a breed-shaping stallion is still expanding, but among his many top racing sons, there were, inevitably, some disappointments. One of those is Majestic Warrior, winner of the 2007 Hopeful Stakes-G1, whose first crop included multiple G1-winning near champion Princess of Sylmar (out of Storm Dixie, by Catienus), but she proved to be easily the best of his American-sired foals and he was exported to Japan in 2015.

Bred in Kentucky by George Steinbrenner's Kinsman Stud out of Grade 1-winning millionaire Dream Supreme, by Seeking the Gold, Majestic Warrior won his first two starts at 2 with sweeping, come-from-behind moves, but injured his back and a hoof in the Grade 1 Champagne and was never the same horse in four starts at 3. A handsome and well-balanced horse, he looked the part of a major stallion

but, even with a leg up from Princess of Sylmar's early success, it never happened. To date he has sired 40 stakes winners from 876 foals of racing age, a 4.6 percent strike rate that is hardly abysmal, but not good enough to keep him in Kentucky in today's market.

Majestic Warrior's penultimate American crop, though, included the talented Maryland-bred filly Majestic Reason, who scored her first graded stakes victory in the historic Barbara Fritchie-G3 at Laurel Park Feb. 15. She races for her breeders Richard Golden and Ellen Charles, and is trained by Graham Motion.

Unraced at 2, she won her first start in June of her 3-year-old year, and then captured the Miss Disco Stakes for Maryland-breds in her third start and placed in two more stakes that year. Last year at 4, Majestic Reason won a pair of allowance races and placed in Belmont Park's Gallant Bloom Handicap-G2 and Laurel's Politely Stakes to Anna's Bandit before closing her season with a victory in the Willa On the Move at Laurel. Her victory in the Barbara Fritchie over a field that included the odds-on Saguaro Row improved her overall record to six wins in 13 starts for earnings of \$462,998.

Majestic Reason is the third foal, winner and stakes horse produced by 2010 Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship winner Love's Reason, by Not For Love. Her first foal, Jump for Love, by Jump Start, ran third in the Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship in 2015, and her second, the Scat Daddy gelding Good Reasoning, ran third in the restricted Caveat Stakes in 2017. Love's Reason has since produced the unraced 3-year-old Munnings colt Artistic Reason, current 2-year-old filly

Heartful, by Bandbox, and a yearling colt by Hard Spun.

Love's Reason's half-sister Conquest Tiz One, by Tiz the One, placed in the Louisiana Champions Day Lassie Stakes, and their dam, Elaines Reason, by Sky Classic, was also stakes-placed, as was the third dam, Reason to Give, by Alydar. In recent generations, the family has thrived in regional markets, but its roots tap deeper waters. Majestic Reason's seventh dam was the outstanding Phipps family broodmare Broadway, by Hasty Road, dam of champion 2-year-old filly Queen of the Stage, by Bold Ruler, and her full-brother, the top-class but unsound Reviewer, sire of the immortal Ruffian. Broadway's descendants also include such top runners as Seeking the Gold, Fast Play, King Cugat and Survivalist.

Majestic Reason's internal pedigree is replete with the great names of late 20th century American breeding. She is inbred 4x3 to Mr. Prospector, 5x4x5 to Northern Dancer, 5x5x5 to Buckpasser, with additional duplications of Hail to Reason, Glamour, Raise a Native, Nasrullah, Native Dancer, and Round Table in the first six generations, producing a relatively high inbreeding coefficient of 3.52 percent.

With the Kentucky stallion ranks turning into a revolving door of hail and farewell, getting a good horse every now and then is simply no longer good enough. As we say goodbye to A.P. Indy, thankfully many of his descendants are eager for their chance to take his place. ✱

Candygram joins Taylor Mountain Farm roster



KAT TURNBULL

Jim Casey has added Candygram to his Taylor Mountain Farm roster in Charles Town, W.Va. The 5-year-old son of top sire Candy Ride (Arg) is standing his first season for private contract.

Candygram retires a winner of three races with earnings of \$188,210. All his wins came in New York with trainer Jimmy Jerkens for Centennial Farms, which purchased the bay colt for \$300,000 as a 2-year-old at Ocala.

His first win was at 3 at Belmont Park in a 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile maiden special weight, where he posted fractions of :22.92, :45.81, 1:09.97 and 1:35.86 and won by a length in 1:42.68.

He recorded back-to-back wins at 4 in allowance company—the first at Aqueduct when cruising home a 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ -length winner over a sloppy track going 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles. He crushed his foes again, this time at Belmont at 1 mile, as he took charge by the half-mile mark in :45.36, got three-quarters in 1:09.29, and drew off to win again by 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ lengths in 1:34.45.

That set him up for his stakes debut next out in the 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ -mile State Dinner at Belmont. He stuck close to the pace with established stakes performers Sunny Ridge and Prince Lucky and finished second behind Prince Lucky as the only non-stakes winner in the race.

Candygram retires having finished in the top three in seven of his 11 starts.

He is one of three winners from four to race for the stakes-winning mare Church Camp (by Forest Camp). His dam's half-sister, multiple stakes-placed Jody's Deelite, has produced nine-time stakes winner Mr. Misunderstood, an earner of \$918,204 whose wins include the Grade 2 Wise Dan Stakes as well as the Commonwealth Turf Stakes-G3 and back-to-back scores in Grade 3 River City Handicap.

Also found in the family is three-time graded stakes winner Middlesex Drive, an earner of \$746,819.

First-crop arrivals



LYDIA A. WILLIAMS

Classic-placed, graded stakes-winning millionaire Irish War Cry had his first foal arrive the evening of Feb. 12 at Blackstone Farm in Pine Grove, Pa. High Kings Racing is the breeder of the colt out of Danu (Ire). Irish War Cry, a son of Curlin, covered 83 mares his first season at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md.

NEWS AND NOTES

Editorial misses breeding season



Climax Stallions' Editorial, who entered stud at Roland Farm in Warwick, Md., in 2018 and has his second U.S. crop arriving this year, will miss the current breeding season after shuttling to Peru for the 2019 Southern Hemisphere season. Quarantine issues and a shortage of cargo planes delayed his return, according to Sean Feld of Climax Stallions. "Whatever could have gone wrong did go wrong, and the coronavirus outbreak was a huge curveball for us," said Feld in early March.

The 6-year-old son of War Front out of Playa Maya, and half-brother to Uncle Mo, covered 32 mares his first season. Both weanlings offered last year sold, for an average of \$20,000, the highest average for all Mid-Atlantic sires (with two or more sold). He was to stand this season for \$2,500 live foal.

Our Entourage gets first stakes winner

Chiefs Kingdom, winner of Charles Town's Valentine's Day Overnight Stakes Feb. 14, became the first stakes winner for her sire Our Entourage. The 11-year-old son of Street Cry (Ire) stands at O'Sullivan Farms in Charles Town as the property of James Anderson and John Lewis.

A member of her sire's second crop, 4-year-old Chiefs Kingdom won the 4½-furlong stakes by 2 lengths and pushed her record to 15-6-2-4 and \$125,601 earned. A winner at 2 and stakes-placed



Chiefs Kingdom is the first stakes winner for O'Sullivan Farm stallion Our Entourage.

at 3, she has won four of her last five starts, all in allowance or stakes company, for owner/breeder David Bloom. She is the first named foal, and only starter, for Heavenly Appeal (by Successful Appeal).

Our Entourage won Belmont Park's Temperance Hill Stakes at 3 and recorded five wins, on turf and dirt, in 20 starts while earning \$209,252. His dam is Grade 1 winner Sand Springs; he's from the family of champions Dancing Brave and Jolypha.

In his first three crops, Our Entourage is the sire of 10 winners from 14 starters, and his runners have average earnings of \$45,456. His richest runner is 5-year-old Miss Blue Dot, with a record of 25-10-6-3 and earnings of \$172,126.

Cuba dead at 19

Cuba, 19, the sire of Maryland-bred champion and four-time stakes winner Laki, was euthanized Feb. 6 following complications from colic. The son of Not For Love was owned by J&S Stables and standing at Royal Wux Farm near Chestertown, Md.

Laki is one of three foals from Cuba's first crop, born in 2013. The chestnut gelding added to his state-bred champion older horse laurels of 2018 by running exclusively in stakes last year, winning Laurel's Frank Whiteley Jr. and placing in three others, and taking a second consecutive title as MATCH Series 3-Year-Old & Up Sprint – Dirt Division champion. In training for a fifth season, he has earned \$468,632 and won eight of 23 starts.

Through early March, Cuba had sired six winners from 14 starters lifetime, for progeny earnings of \$670,719.

Cuba retired to stud as a two-time stakes winner of \$792,694. The biggest of his 14 wins came in the 2008 Maryland Million Classic; he also hit the board in eight stakes, including the Eclipse Handicap-G3, which he missed winning by a neck, the Excelsior Breeders' Cup Handicap-G3 and Seagram Cup Stakes-G3. He was named New Jersey-bred champion older horse of 2008.

Out of the Deputy Minister mare Shaunlee, Cuba was from the family of longtime leading Maryland stallion Horatius, sire of Hall of Famer Safely Kept, as well as four-time New Jersey Stallion of the Year Hey Chub.

Mid-Atlantic stallions fill durability report

The 12th annual listing of stallions by two criteria—2019 Sires by Lifetime Starts per Starter, and 2019 Sires by Lifetime percent of Foals of Racing Age Started—as developed by the Durability Committee of the Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits underwritten by The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, includes more than a dozen Mid-Atlantic stallions on the top 100 list.

The late Northview Stallion Station sire Not For Love ranked at the top of the list of 2019 Sires by Lifetime Starts per Starter, with 22.88. In sixth is recently deceased Taylor Mountain Farm sire Windsor Castle (21.08). Also in the top 10 are WynOaks Farm's Weigelia (eighth, 20.49) and O'Sullivan Farms' Limehouse (10th, 20.10).

On the list of 2019 Sires by Lifetime percent of Foals of Racing Age Started, Not For Love ranks third with 85.31 percent of his 994 foals making it to the races. The next highest Mid-Atlantic sire is Weigelia in 18th with 81.82 percent of his 132 foals having started.

For the entire list of stallions, go to grayson-jockeyclub.org and click on Equine Research News—2019 Stallion Durability Statistical Issue.

STALLION RANKINGS

Mid-Atlantic region leading sires in 2020

Top 65 stallions who currently stand or concluded their careers in Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia.
 These statistics were supplied by The Jockey Club Information Systems Inc. (TJCIS). Exact date is at the discretion of TJCIS. †Denotes freshman sire.
 The following statistics, compiled on March 3, reflect 2020 earnings for all countries in the Northern and Southern Hemisphere reported to TJCIS.

	Foals	Runners	Starts	Winners	Races Won	Leading Earner	Earnings	%Wnrs./Runners	Avg./Runner	Stakes Winners
1. Jump Start (deceased)	1,447	84	162	22	26	Its a Journey (\$55,910)	\$746,554	26	\$ 8,888	0
2. Warrior's Reward (Pa)	565	91	198	18	19	Night Ops (\$63,400)	475,570	20	5,226	1
3. El Padrino (deceased)	177	38	79	13	13	Promised Storm (\$55,880)	452,765	34	11,915	0
4. Flashback (Pa)	198	46	86	10	13	British Idiom (\$60,000)	446,818	22	9,713	0
5. Great Notion (Md)	376	32	56	14	14	Anna's Bandit (\$40,000)	357,370	44	11,168	0
6. Poseidon's Warrior (Pa)	207	59	116	13	14	Firenze Fire (\$150,000)	349,334	22	5,921	1
7. Fiber Sonde (WV)	275	44	90	13	14	Muad'dib (\$33,525)	342,279	30	7,779	2
8. Boisterous (Pa)	109	30	72	9	11	Sea of Liberty (\$63,360)	302,292	30	10,076	0
9. Friesan Fire (Md)	232	44	93	8	10	Hell of Afire (\$52,410)	281,998	18	6,409	0
10. Bandbox (Md)	81	20	35	9	10	Artful Splatter (\$76,122)	278,725	45	13,936	1
11. Charitable Man (deceased)	189	48	108	11	13	Longstorylucy (\$23,909)	265,760	23	5,537	0
12. Despite the Odds (WV)	79	32	72	11	13	One Odd Story (\$29,772)	261,254	34	8,164	0
13. Windsor Castle (deceased)	387	50	107	10	11	Rush to the Castle (\$20,650)	230,039	20	4,601	0
14. Smarty Jones (Pa)	807	31	63	6	6	John Jones (\$49,827)	215,617	19	6,955	0
15. Super Ninety Nine (Md)	83	25	49	6	6	Nine Martinis (\$29,148)	207,585	24	8,303	0
16. Not For Love (deceased)	975	21	51	4	6	Easy River (\$48,165)	185,338	19	8,826	0
17. Golden Lad (Md)	105	16	26	3	3	She'smysunshine (\$41,122)	178,247	19	11,140	0
18. Bourbon Courage (Md)	72	13	23	4	5	Double Shot (\$45,000)	171,772	31	13,213	0
19. Lord Shanakill (Pa)	211	28	59	6	7	Time Shanakill (\$23,058)	152,702	21	5,454	0
20. Street Magician (Md)	142	20	44	5	6	By the Sey Shore (\$24,840)	147,016	25	7,351	0
21. Limehouse (WV)	473	41	87	6	6	Zehavi (\$17,525)	145,724	15	3,554	0
22. Ice Box (Pa)	294	47	98	8	8	Cool Quartet (\$13,830)	138,165	17	2,940	0
23. Desert Party (Pa)	248	22	44	3	3	Desert Lights (\$33,046)	126,410	14	5,746	0
24. Friend Or Foe (Va)	28	2	4	1	2	Mr. Buff (\$118,250)	123,389	50	61,695	1
25. Albert the Great (pensioned)	412	16	31	4	7	Penny in Love (\$27,456)	119,159	25	7,447	0
26. Seville (Ger) (deceased)	200	23	46	3	4	OKGameOn (\$33,120)	110,646	13	4,811	0
27. Talent Search (Pa)	165	18	37	1	1	Final Shot (\$50,360)	107,743	6	5,986	0
28. Petionville (Md)	759	14	30	3	4	Graves Island (\$50,520)	106,495	21	7,607	0
29. Medallist (Pa)	206	9	23	3	4	Flashy Kyem (\$40,250)	103,966	33	11,552	0
30. Partner's Hero (Pa)	463	6	15	2	3	Lucky Hero (\$47,280)	97,871	33	16,312	0
31. Imagining (Md)	81	16	32	1	1	Quiet Imagination (\$26,133)	97,100	6	6,069	0
32. Weigelia (Pa)	149	29	57	4	4	Disco Deja Vu (\$13,032)	97,010	14	3,345	0
33. Uptowncharlybrown (Pa)	55	9	14	1	1	Wait for It (\$55,160)	94,494	11	10,499	0
34. Outflanker (Md)	572	13	32	3	4	Chicken Dinner (\$14,430)	89,253	23	6,866	0
35. Orientate (pensioned)	862	23	48	2	2	Fizbo (\$17,700)	88,611	9	3,853	0
36. Nicanor (pensioned)	44	11	23	2	4	Seany P (\$42,999)	86,112	18	7,828	0
37. Denis of Cork (WV)	140	16	39	4	5	Im a Tricky One (\$18,575)	84,787	25	5,299	0
38. Swiss Yodeler (WV)	787	13	30	5	5	Swiss Info (\$16,610)	76,083	38	5,853	0
39. Redeemed (Md)	103	18	39	3	3	Redeemed Spirit (\$21,328)	75,350	17	4,186	0
40. Winchill (Pa)	23	7	10	3	3	You Must Chill (\$41,640)	71,640	43	10,234	0
41. Exclusive Quality (deceased)	349	26	47	5	5	Babie Monster (\$13,280)	70,824	19	2,724	0
42. Tritap (deceased)	41	10	18	1	1	Tap the Mark (\$27,600)	65,652	10	6,565	0
43. Louis Quatorze (deceased)	991	7	17	2	2	True Boldness (\$17,330)	65,361	29	9,337	0
44. Silver Train (deceased)	539	12	25	4	4	Cattle Drive (\$18,960)	65,110	33	5,426	0
45. Mad Flatter (deceased)	48	11	21	3	3	Glowing Star (\$21,980)	63,885	27	5,808	0
46. Crown of Thorns (Pa)	55	11	29	4	4	Crown and Sugar (\$17,640)	63,788	36	5,799	0
47. Officer Rocket (GB) (deceased)	43	11	23	6	6	Rocket Road (\$14,500)	63,221	55	5,747	0
48. Emperor Tiberius (Pa)	36	2	3	1	2	E T's Gypsy Woman (\$62,400)	62,650	50	31,325	0
49. Cal Nation (Pa)	53	13	32	0	0	Judi Blue Eyes (\$16,968)	61,134	0	4,703	0
50. Rimrod (Pa)	112	6	11	2	3	Diagonal (\$30,740)	59,904	33	9,984	0
51. Reflect Times (Jpn) (Pa)	27	6	13	3	3	Patty's Boy (\$21,027)	58,221	50	9,704	0
52. Our Entourage (WV)	26	7	14	3	3	Martha's Banner (\$22,375)	57,178	43	8,168	1
53. Mr. Sidney (Va)	133	14	36	2	2	Just You and Me (\$13,975)	56,942	14	4,067	0
54. Wiseman's Ferry (deceased)	308	3	5	1	1	Wise Jude (\$51,520)	53,770	33	17,923	0
55. Machen (WV)	80	14	26	3	3	Soul Machen (\$11,925)	52,158	21	3,726	0
56. Normandy Invasion (Pa)	58	12	25	1	1	Bella Invasion (\$33,550)	52,146	8	4,346	0
57. Capo Bastone (WV)	34	9	18	4	4	Azzurra (\$18,644)	51,220	44	5,691	0
58. Garnered (WV)	105	4	6	2	3	Mean Bean (\$40,275)	49,147	50	12,287	1
59. Rockport Harbor (deceased)	471	12	31	3	3	Blue Harbor (\$17,340)	49,005	25	4,084	0
60. Siente El Trueno (WV)	22	8	15	2	2	Triple Bad (\$18,613)	45,266	25	5,658	0
61. Swagger Jack (pensioned)	10	2	8	2	3	Southern Swagg (\$36,600)	44,922	100	22,461	0
62. Done Talking (SC)	26	8	19	2	2	Sweet Home Dixie (\$12,540)	43,790	25	5,474	0
63. Well Spelled (Pa)	33	12	22	2	2	Sweet Magic Moment (\$21,921)	42,189	17	3,516	0
64. Fairbanks (deceased)	229	11	25	1	1	Risque Rebel (\$15,640)	40,036	9	3,640	0
65. Fierce Wind (Va)	31	3	7	2	2	Itsknownasthebern (\$20,360)	39,330	67	13,110	0

Mid-Atlantic-bred stakes winners

MD-bred: ALWAYSMINING, MAJESTIC REASON, NAUGHTY THOUGHTS. PA-bred: PARSIMONY.
WV-bred: CHIEFS KINGDOM, LAST PRINT.

Maryland-bred

ALWAYSMINING

John B. Campbell Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, abt. 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 4 & up. Laurel Park, Feb. 15.

				A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew
		Bernardini		Cara Rafaela	Weekend Surprise
	Stay Thirsty				Quiet American
				Storm Bird	Oil Fable
	Marozia				Northern Dancer
				Make Change	South Ocean
Alwaysmining, dk.b./br.g., 2016					Roberto
					Equal Change
				Unbridled	Fappiano
	Anees				Gana Facil
				Ivory Idol	Alydar
	What Will Be				Ivory Wand
				Golden Act	Gummo
	Che Sara Sara				Golden Shore
				Consequential	Dr. Fager
					Cequillo
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
18 (sw)	9	4 (2)	0	1	\$191,192
19 (sw)	8	3 (3)	1 (1)	1 (1)	240,250
20 (sw)	2	2 (2)	0	0	105,000
	19	9 (7)	1 (1)	2 (1)	\$536,442 (through Feb. 15)

2018: 1st \$100,000 **Maryland Juvenile Futurity**, 7 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 8; \$100,000 **Heft S**, 7 fur., 2-year-olds, Laurel, Dec. 29. **2019:** 1st \$100,000 **Miracle Wood S**, 1 mi., 3-year-olds, Laurel, Feb. 16; \$100,000 **Private Terms S**, abt. 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 3-year-olds, Laurel, March 16; \$125,000 **Federico Tesio S**, 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ mi., 3-year-olds, Laurel, April 20; 2nd **Native Dancer S**; 3rd **Easy Goer S**. **2020:** 1st \$75,000 **Jennings S**, 1 mi., registered Md.-bred or sired, 4 & up, Laurel, Jan. 18; \$100,000 **John B. Campbell S**, abt. 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ mi., 4 & up, Laurel, Feb. 15.

Bred by Avla Pitts (Md.); owned by Runnymore Racing LLC; trained by Kelly Rubley.
Sire: **STAY THIRSTY**, dk.b./br., 08, stands at Lovacres Ranch, Warner Springs, Calif.
Dam: **WHAT WILL BE**, b., 03, bred by Morgan's Ford Farm (Va.). Raced 5 years, 33 starts, 4 wins at 3, 5 and 6, \$128,529.
11 Concrete Princess, ch.f. by Majestic Warrior. Raced 5 years, 29 starts, 2 to 6, 0 wins, \$15,966. (Kee Nov 11—\$2,500; FTM May 13—\$43,000)
13 Fletcher Is Golden, ch.g. by Majestic Warrior. Raced 3 years, 31 starts, 3 wins at 4, \$45,440. (Kee Jan 14—\$57,000; OBS Aug 14—\$110,000)
14 Hasty Nic, ch.f. by Old Fashioned. Raced 4 years, 22 starts, 3 wins, 2 to 4, \$70,460. (FTM May 16—\$25,000)
15 Bullet Storm, b.c. by Flat Out. In Russia, raced 2 years, 5 starts, 1 win at 3. (Kee Sept 16—\$32,000)
16 **ALWAYSMINING**, dk.b./br.g. by Stay Thirsty. (Kee Jan 17—\$32,000; Kee Sept 17—\$130,000)
17 ch.f. by Jimmy Creed. (Kee Jan 18—\$37,000; OBS April 19—\$65,000)
18 Alwaysinmotion, ch.f. by Fast Anna. (Kee Jan 19—\$100,000)
19 b.c. by Shackleford. (Kee Jan 20—\$45,000)

MAJESTIC REASON

Barbara Fritchie Stakes-G3

\$250,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 4 & up. Laurel Park, Feb. 15.

	A.P. Indy	Seattle Slew	Bold Reasoning
		Weekend Surprise	My Charmer
	Majestic Warrior		Secretariat
		Seeking the Gold	Lassie Dear
	Dream Supreme		Mr. Prospector
		Spinning Round	Con Game
Majestic Reason, b.m., 2015			Dixieland Band
		Mr. Prospector	Take Heart
	Not For Love		Raise a Native
		Dance Number	Gold Digger
	Love's Reason		Northern Dancer
		Sky Classic	Numbered Account
	Elaines Reason		Nijinsky II
		Reason to Give	No Class
			Alydar
			Reason to Act

	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	earnings
17	unraced				
18 (sw)	5	2 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	\$111,106
19 (sw)	7	3 (1)	2 (1)	1 (1)	201,892
20 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	150,000
	13	6 (3)	4 (2)	2 (2)	\$462,998 (through Feb. 15)

2018: 1st \$75,000 **Miss Disco S**, 6 fur., registered Md.-bred or sired 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Aug. 18; 2nd **All Brandy S**; 3rd **Safely Kept S**. **2019:** 1st \$100,000 **Willa On the Move S**, 6 fur., fillies and mares, 3 & up, Laurel, Dec. 28; 2nd **Politely S**; 3rd **Gallant Bloom H-G2**. **2020:** 1st \$250,000 **Barbara Fritchie S-G3**, 7 fur., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Laurel, Feb. 15.

Bred by Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC and Ellen Charles (Md.); owned by Hillwood Stable LLC and Richard L. Golden; trained by H. Graham Motion.

Sire: **MAJESTIC WARRIOR**, b., 05, stands at East Stud, Hokkaido, Japan.

Dam: **LOVE'S REASON**, ch., 08, bred by John T. Crane Jr. and Margaret M. Crane (Md.). Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 3 wins at 2 and 3, \$101,010, Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S, 3rd Maryland Million Lassie S, Maryland Million Oaks. (FTM Oct 09—\$75,000)

13 **Jump for Love**, b.f. by Jump Start. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 2, \$54,136, 3rd Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S.

14 **Good Reasoning**, ch.g. by Scat Daddy. Raced 2 years, 7 starts, 1 win at 3, \$44,740, 3rd Caveat S.

15 **MAJESTIC REASON**, b.f. by Majestic Warrior.

16 Barren.

17 Artistic Reason, ch.c. by Munnings. Unraced.

18 Heartful, gr./ro.f. by Bandbox.

19 ch.c. by Hard Spun.

NAUGHTY THOUGHTS

Wide Country Stakes

\$100,000-guaranteed, 7 fur., 3-year-old fillies. Laurel Park, Feb. 15.

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2019: 3rd **Maryland Juvenile Filly Championship S**, **Gin Talking S**. **2020:** 1st \$100,000 **Wide Country S**, 7 fur., 3-year-old fillies, Laurel, Feb. 15.

Bred by Maryland Mare Venture LLC (Md.); owned by Rafael Lopez; trained by Jonathan Maldonado.

Sire: **THE FACTOR**, gr./ro., 08, stands at Lane's End, Versailles, Ky.

Dam: **SWEET THOUGHTS**, b., 06, bred by Pam and Martin Wygod (Ky.). Raced 2 years, 5 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$19,460. (Kee Jan 17—\$50,000 in foal to The Factor; Kee Nov 17—\$25,000 in foal to Bayern)

11 Sweet Gifts, b.f. by Candy Ride (Arg). Unraced.

12 Bow Tie Boss, b.g. by Candy Ride (Arg). Raced 3 years, 14 starts, 2 wins at 4, \$100,330.

13 Sweet Smart, dk.b./br.f. by Candy Ride (Arg). Unraced. (Kee Sept 14—\$27,000; OBS April 15—\$37,000; Kee Jan 17—\$1,200)

14 Twisted Candy, dk.b./br.g. by Twirling Candy. Raced 2 years, 5 starts, 1 win at 4, \$2,902. (Kee Nov 14—\$1,000; Bar Jan 15—\$20,000)

15 Sensible Thoughts, dk.b./br.f. by Street Sense. Raced 2 years, 8 starts at 3 and 4, 0 wins, \$23,471. (Kee Sept 16—\$12,000; Bar May 17—\$77,000)

16 b.c. by City Zip.

17 **NAUGHTY THOUGHTS**, gr./ro.f. by The Factor. (Kee Sept 18—\$3,000)

18 dk.b./br.f. by Bayern.

19 Lilbitofsweetness, b.f. by Bayern. (Kee Nov 19—\$1,200)

Maryland's Thoroughbred Industry Firsts:

- Organized racing in North American (Maryland Jockey Club, 1743)
- State Breeders Association (Maryland Horse Breeders Association, 1929)
- Annual Thoroughbred Yearling Show (Maryland Horse Breeders Association, 1932)
- State magazine for horse industry (The Maryland Horse, 1936)
- International race to feature horses from four continents (Washington, D.C. International, Laurel Race Course, 1952)
- Major northern state to pioneer winter racing (Bowie Race Course, 1957)
- State breeder incentive development program (Maryland Fund, 1962)
- Million-dollar, one-day stallion stakes event (Maryland Million, 1986)

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Curlin Stakes

\$175,000, abt. 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up. Meydan Racecourse, Dubai. Feb. 27.

					Mr. Prospector	Raise a Native
					Smart Strike	Gold Digger
					Dominus	Smarten
						No Class
						General (Fr)
					Cuando	Luna de Miel
						Affirmed
						Quatre Saisons
					Parsimony, gr./ro.c., 2016	Norcliffe
						Winner
						At the Threshold
					Lil E. Tee	Eileen's Moment
						Sailaway
					Lil Cora Tee	Blushing Groom (Fr)
						Yonnie Girl
						Runaway Groom
						Princely Native
						Love to Barbara
						Bringing Joy
						earnings
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd		\$ 28,400
18	4	0	2	0		\$ 165,824
19	16	1	5 (2)	3		111,750
20 (sw)	2	1 (1)	0	0		
	22	2 (1)	7 (2)	3		\$305,974 (through Feb. 27)

2019: 2nd Los Alamitos Derby-G3, Cinema S. **2020:** 1st \$175,000 Curlin S, abt. 1 1/4 mi., 3 & up, Meydan, Dubai, Feb. 27.

Bred by Maria Montez Haire (Pa.); owned by Reddam Racing LLC; trained by Doug O'Neill.

Sire: **DOMINUS**, dk.b./br., 08, stands at Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Dam: **Lil Cora Tee**, gr./ro., 04, bred by Barr Three LLC (Ill.). Raced 4 years, 27 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 5, \$146,619, 3rd Purple Violet S. (Kee Jan 16—\$25,000 in foal to Dominus)

11 **LOVELY LOYREE**, b.f. by Cactus Ridge. Raced 6 years, 30 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 7, \$411,098, Indiana General Assembly Distaff S twice, Mike Spellman Memorial H, Stickney H, 2nd Mike Spellman Memorial H, Illini Princess H twice, 3rd Hillsborough S-G2, Endeavour S-G3, Lady Canterbury S, Hatoof S, Illini Princess H.

12 Sweet Cora C, gr./ro.f. by Lewis Michael. Raced 2 years, 9 starts, 1 win at 4, \$10,010.

13 House of Cortez, gr./ro.g. by Limehouse. Raced 3 years, 13 starts, 1 win at 5, \$40,185.

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- 14 Barren.
15 Readtheliffnotes, b.g. by Read the Footnotes. Raced 2 years, 10 starts, 4 wins at 3 and 4, \$55,410.
16 **PARSIMONY**, gr./ro.c. by Dominus. (Kee Jan 17—\$41,000, Kee Sept 17—\$85,000; OBS March 18—\$400,000)
18 Eclipticals Lucas, b.c. by Eclipticalspraline.
19 b.c. by American Pharoah.

West Virginia-bred

CHIEFS KINGDOM

Valentine's Day Overnight Stakes

\$35,000-guaranteed, 4 1/2 fur., fillies and mares, 4 & up. Charles Town, Feb. 14.

					Mr. Prospector
					Coup de Folie
					Troy
					Waterway
					Roberto
					Andover Way
					Storm Bird
					Darling Lady
					In Reality
					Desert Trial
					Fortunate Prospect
					Debonair Dancer
					Halo
					Northern Sea
					Logical
					Baltica
					earnings
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	\$ 14,490
18	2	1	0	0	\$ 89,411
19	12	4	2	4 (1)	21,700
20 (sw)	1	1 (1)	0	0	
	15	6 (1)	2	4 (1)	\$125,601 (through Feb. 14)

2019: 3rd Its Binn Too Long S. **2020:** 1st \$35,000 Valentine's Day Overnight S, 4 1/2 fur., fillies and mares, 4 & up, Charles Town, Feb. 14.

Bred and owned by David B. Bloom (W.Va.); trained by Javier Contreras.

Sire: **OUR ENTOURAGE**, b., 09, stands at O'Sullivan Farms, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: **HEAVENLY APPEAL**, dk.b./br., 07, bred by WinStar Farm LLC (Ky.). Raced 3 years, 24 starts, 8 wins, 3 to 5, \$87,470. (FTK Feb 08—\$4,000; Kee Sept 08—\$3,500)

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15 Barren.

16 **CHIEFS KINGDOM**, dk.b./br.f. by Our Entourage.

17 Neimark, dk.b./br.f. by Seville (Ger). Unraced.

LAST PRINT

Gold Watch Overnight Stakes

\$35,000-guaranteed, 4 1/2 fur., 4 & up. Charles Town, Feb. 22.

					Fappiano
					Gana Facil
					Caro (Ire)
					Lucky Spell
					Storm Bird
					Terlingua
					Chieftain
					Insilca
					Habitat
					Courteous Lady
					Bel Bolide
					Ubetido
					Roberto
					Andover Way
					Bold Ruckus
					Ada Prospect
					earnings
	starts	1st	2nd	3rd	\$ 13,740
17	unraced				118,635
18	1	1	0	0	28,325
19	11	6	2	3 (1)	
20 (sw)	3	1 (1)	1	0	
	15	8 (1)	3	3 (1)	\$160,700 (through Feb. 22)

2019: 3rd W.Va. Dash for Cash Breeders Classic S. **2020:** 1st \$35,000 Gold Watch Overnight S, 4 1/2 fur., 4 & up, Charles Town, Feb. 22.

Bred, owned and trained by Javier Contreras (W.Va.).

Sire: **FIBER SONDE**, gr./ro., 05, stands at Beau Ridge Farm, Charles Town, W.Va.

Dam: **BOOTPRINTS**, b., 06, bred by Richard Kaster and Nathan Fox (Ky.). Raced 4 years, 34 starts, 6 wins at 2, 4 and 5, \$110,150. (Kee Jan 07—\$2,000; OBS Aug 07—\$11,000; OBS April 08—\$50,000)

13 Resident Nurse, dk.b./br.f. by In Summation. Raced 1 year, 1 start at 2, 0 wins, \$0.

14 Legal Bug, b.f. by Charitable Man. Raced 2 years, 2 starts at 2 and 3, 0 wins, \$386.

15 **LAST PRINT**, b.c. by Fiber Sonde.

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| Saturday, April 11 | My Lady's Manor Monkton |
| Saturday, April 18 | Grand National Steeplechase Butler |
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Maryland's successful aftercare program continues to grow

BY TOM LAMARRA

Byond The Wire, Maryland's Thoroughbred aftercare program, hit the ground running when it was announced in May 2017. In fact, applications for retired racehorses already had been submitted before the program officially launched.

Through February 2020, horses entered in the program since its inception totaled 276. The number of horses in the program has grown each year, with a high of 121 horses in 2019.

Beyond The Wire is funded annually from multiple sources: a per-start fee paid by owners; corporate contributions from the Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association, Maryland Horse Breeders Association and Maryland Jockey Club; the jockey colony in Maryland; donations received with horses entered in the program, with a contribution of \$500 per horse encouraged; and miscellaneous revenue and fund-raising activities.

Fortunately, income has outpaced expenses—but not by that much. The largest expense is stipends for the accredited partner farms that care for the retirees before they move on, hopefully to second careers. Veterinary expenses, primarily in the form of surgeries required before a horse can be moved to a facility and rehabilitated, are substantial.

It is a program that requires constant attention and funding, and regular assessments to ensure there is enough capacity at various farms to accommodate the number of retired racehorses.

Jessica Hammond, who administers Beyond The Wire, noted in early March that she had 18 horses on a waiting list.

"I'm always getting calls from trainers," she said. "There hasn't been enough space [to handle the numbers]."



The organization regularly holds board of directors meetings, and at the most recent meeting two Beyond The Wire partner farms—Foxie G Foundation and MidAtlantic Horse Rescue—discussed plans to expand in large part to assist Beyond The Wire.

Foxie G has a plan to convert a broodmare barn to a rehabilitation barn for equine retirees, begin holding monthly open houses to expose the public to the good work being done for retired racehorses, and create an equine therapy center. MidAtlantic Horse Rescue plans farm improvements that would increase its capacity for at least eight additional Beyond The Wire horses.

Laurie Calhoun, who runs the Foxie G operation, said the expansion offers many positives, one of which is education and changing perception of the racing industry.

"It's very important to raise awareness of what the racing industry does [for retired racehorses]," Calhoun said. "We're going to start having open houses with picnics and a playground area. We'll have a cross-section of people there. We want to show people this is what we're doing for the horses."

Beverly Strauss, co-founder of MidAtlantic Horse Rescue, has 16 Beyond The Wire horses—four others recently left for

other homes. An upgraded facility would allow better movement of the retirees.

"We're trying to move horses through more quickly," Strauss said.

The average retiree may spend three months at one of Beyond The Wire's eight accredited partner farms, but sometimes turnout can last a year. The program's financial supporters have repeatedly noted that retiring a horse earlier than planned—not running in one or two more races before retirement—can help avoid the need for surgery and make a horse a better candidate for adoption for use in other disciplines.

"All of our horses need to be taken care of—that's my primary goal and my primary concern," Hammond said. "These are useful animals that can go on to second careers."

The board of directors has begun examining funding sources, both dedicated and voluntary, and may issue recommendations on how to increase funding for the program as it continues to grow and owners and trainers become even more comfortable with it.

"Years ago [the legislature] challenged our industry to rebuild, and we did," said David Richardson, executive director of the MTHA. "There were two areas: people and horses. For our workers, we created the Horsemen's Health System, and for our horses, we created Beyond The Wire. So far most of the horses that went through the program have been re-homed, and we have not turned away one horse."

The average cost for a horse to go through the Beyond The Wire program is about \$3,300, at least thus far in 2020. The average cost of surgery if needed is about \$2,500 this year, and most of that is paid by Beyond The Wire. ★

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Difference Maker

Kusner's impact remains in racing, riding

By Maryanna Skowronski



Douglas Lees

It's been 51 years since Kathy Kusner became the first woman licensed to ride sanctioned flat races in America, paving the way for all the women who would follow and in the process adding another chapter to what would become a storied career of equestrian excellence. On a recent visit to Maryland (she has long called California home) for an event during which she was recognized as one of the pioneering women in the

sport of the turf, the 79-year-old visited old haunts, saw old friends and utterly charmed all who met her.

Born in Florida and raised in Virginia, Kusner might have been just another horse-crazy girl with a dream of riding her own pony. The difference, however, lay in her drive, determination, a good set of bargaining skills and a lot of smarts.

As a child she spent her free time roaming and explor-

ing the countryside in which she lived. She found a pony for sale and begged her non-horsey parents to buy it with the promise that she would give neighborhood children rides to pay for its upkeep. Her parents gave in, and changed a game.

She rode that pony bareback at first, soon discovered horse shows, asking questions of anyone involved. She met Jane Marshall Dillon, a noted local instructor who perhaps



The first woman to be licensed as a jockey in the United States, Kathy Kusner gallops a Thoroughbred at Bowie.

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saw something special in the young rider. Dillon offered lessons in exchange for stable work and eventually Kusner learned enough to ride the school horses and compete in local shows.

Her riding improved and local horse dealers asked her to show their sale horses. Bigger and higher-quality dealers asked her to ride for them and as a result she in turn was riding better horses and becoming a better rider. By 16, she was mounted on the top-rated jumper in the United States, Windsor Castle. The race-riding bug had bitten however, and she was also riding timber and flat races on the point-to-point circuit.

Kusner's parents hoped their daughter would go to college, but her best classes involved horses.

"School for me then was jail," she used to say. She

would get up and gallop racehorses in the mornings before class, but the schoolwork "wasn't interesting" and she "was just crazy for this other life." She graduated from high school, barely.

In 1958, out of high school, she took a job with trainer Mikey Smithwick where she says she "had a structured life." She also spent time with Gill Fenwick, of whom she has fond memories. Kusner was also invited try out for the United States Equestrian Team. Although not selected, she trained with the team and in 1961 became the first woman member in a decade. In 1960 the American Horse Shows Association named her Horsewoman of the Year. She rode in two Pan American Games (gold and silver medals, team jumping) and three Olympic Games (silver medal, team jumping.)

During the USET off-season she rode races, albeit only in point-to-points. She rode timber horses for noted Virginia horseman Dr. Joe Rogers, who told her that he felt she had a chance for a jockey's license. Kusner thought or perhaps hoped, someone else would challenge the "no women" rule.

"Girls were galloping and working horses in the mornings and I thought one of them would do it," she said.

No one did.

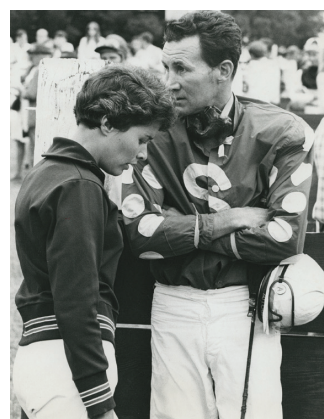
One summer, she was working with racehorses at Saratoga Race Course, and schooling hurdle horses in the infield of the Oklahoma training track.

"If you could ride," steeplechase trainers told her, "we'd put you in a race."

Kusner could ride. She just couldn't get a jockey's license to do so in a race.

Driving home from Saratoga, she decided the only chance she had was to try to change history herself.

On the recommendation of champion jump jockey Joe Aitcheson, she contacted Maryland attorney Audrey Melbourne who offered to take the case pro bono. After a year of protracted lobbying, three hearings in front of the Maryland Racing Commission during which time steward J. Fred Colwill vehemently opposed Kusner's application, and a series of "tests" to prove she could ride, in September of 1968 Judge Ernest A. Loveless of the Prince George's County Circuit Court overturned the racing commission's denial based on the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Kusner could not be denied a license solely on the basis of her gender and she became the first female licensed



Clockwise from top left: Schooling steeplechase star Bon Nouvel at Mikey Smithwick's; At Morven Park in 1968 aboard Untouchable with Michael Plumb on Kelso; with fellow jockey Joe Aitcheson; leaving the jockeys' room on way to the paddock wearing the Christmas family's silks.

jockey on Oct. 29, 1968. Her scrapbooks are filled with newspaper clippings that chronicle her fight and the resultant victory.

However, in a prime example of "Woman plans, God laughs" while riding in the National Horse Show in New York a horse fell on Kusner. She suffered a broken leg and was out of the saddle for nine months. On Feb. 7, 1969, at Florida's Hialeah Park, Diane Crump became the first woman to ride a pari-mutuel race

in the United States. She needed a police escort to get to the track.

On the steeplechase circuit, Kusner's first ride outside of point-to-points came at Fair Hill on May 24, 1969. She and Antecessor were 11th of 14 in an allowance flat race. By then, she'd been preceded by Mary Ryan, the first woman to ride in an official jump race (she was third in a maiden hurdle at Middleburg on April 12, 1969), Vivian Rall and others. Rall was the first woman

to win a race sanctioned by the National Steeplechase and Hunt Association (on the flat aboard Father's Footsteps) at Far Hills, N.J., Oct. 25, 1969. The first jump victory by a woman jockey didn't come until 1975, by Barbara Kraeling aboard Fuzz Ears at Radnor.

They all had Kusner to thank.

At the flat tracks, Kusner rode at most of the regional stops—in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware and New Jer-

sey. She credits trainer Billy Christmas with taking a chance on her and giving her mounts, among them multiple stakes winner Terrible Tiger. She "never got over the thrill" of racing and competed internationally in South Africa, Panama, Chile, Germany and Mexico City.

In a 2011 interview Kusner said, "I had a lucky life. I was lucky to get any mounts at all. I had nothing but a lousy race riding career but I had a career."

Kusner had ridden in numerous point-to-point timber races over the years but in 1971 her goal was the thereto-



Kathy Kusner teaches at a clinic in 1984.

Neena Ewing

fore males-only Maryland Hunt Cup. She had ridden in that year's Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point in the ladies' race and also in the Benjamin Murray (against men) at the Grand National. Author Margaret Worrall in her book *100 Runnings of the Maryland Hunt Cup* wrote "There was no question of her ability; the applicant was well known in Maryland." Still, it took a vote by the race committee on the night before the race to allow Kusner to compete in the 1971 race.

Piloting Viking Stable's Whackerjack, she finished sixth but had proved that a woman could handle the course. Nineteen years later Joy Slater became the first woman rider to win the Hunt Cup. Slater has been followed by plenty of women riders, including winners Liz McK-

night, Sanna Neilson, Anne Moran, Blair Waterman (now Wyatt) and Blythe Miller Davies.

In her post-competition life Kusner is a respected and beloved instructor. Her former students speak of her in glowing terms. Alex Secor, wife of former jump jockey and trainer J.B. Secor, recalled a clinic at Jamie Hruska's Monkton farm.

"I had come down from New York for a job with [future mother-in-law] Sara Secor. I was riding her mare Cocoa. Now Sara was very particular about how her horses were tacked up and they were a little spoiled. I went into the ring with a low bit and a martingale that was so loose it was almost useless. Here was this lovely, willowy woman in the ring, all grace and elegance. She immediate-

ly walked over and started to raise the bit and tighten the martingale. Sara was sitting on the fence behind me. I could only imagine her expression as Kathy adjusted the tack. I so admired her [Kathy]. She explained directly and simply. Her instruction was a pleasure. She was a lady through and through but firm and no pushover. It was a wonderful experience and I've never forgotten it."

J.B. Secor recalled Kusner's kindness to him, a young teenager, in the show ring and advice she gave. "When she rode into the ring the only thing I could compare her to was an Olympic figure skater. She was so controlled, so elegant, so agile on a horse."

The Secors' sentiments were echoed by others during the three days Kusner spent in Maryland as the special guest of a Women of the Turf exhibit at the Hays-Heighe House at Harford Community College last year. One friend returned from a business trip to the West Coast, and drove straight from the airport. "I stopped at a McDonald's to wash my face," she said. Many others had attended Louis "Paddy" Neilson's memorial service in Pennsylvania that day before arriving to see and hear Kusner.

Spend time with Kusner, and you'll quickly come to the conclusion that she has accomplished more in her 79 years than five people might in their entire lifetimes. She's been profiled in *Sports Illustrated* among other national media. Outside of her equestrian career(s) she's a licensed pilot and is Lear Jet-certified.

having flown them commercially. She is a qualified scuba diver and has run ultra-marathon races. She's traveled the globe conducting riding and jumping clinics.

She is an extremely good storyteller too, relating a tale of the time she was piloting a plane with trainer Barclay Tagg and Olympian Joe Fargis as her passengers. There was an electrical failure mid-flight. Kusner says there was a lot of joking about there being only two parachutes, but all ended well. Tagg's version, told years before Kusner's 2019 visit to Maryland, substituted Aitcheson for Fargis and involved jockeys' helmets not parachutes. Either way, two weren't enough. They also weren't needed.

If all of the achievements weren't enough, she also founded a non-profit for at-risk youth in her adopted home state of California. Horses in the Hood is a program of summer horse camps for young people living in or near the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles. Maryland horseman Joe Davies is among those who have served on the board of directors of the organization which introduces underprivileged youth to riding and caring for horses.

For many growing up in Maryland at the time of Kusner's many exploits, she remains a role model, an example, a hero of sorts. She helped change steeplechasing, Thoroughbred racing, and the roles of women in the horse industry. Her impact was felt then, and is still a part of everything she did.

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Maryanna Skowronski is the director of the Historical Society of Harford County and a lifelong fan of horses and racing. She coordinated the Women of the Turf exhibit at the Hays-Heighe House in 2019, and organizes the annual presentation of the Robert and Anne Heighe Award for Excellence in Equestrian Journalism. Skowronski called Kathy Kusner an idol, and even wrote a high-school essay about the experience of watching her ride at the Elkridge-Harford Point-to-Point.

"Never could I have imagined that opportunity would arise for me to meet and spend extensive time with her," Skowronski wrote. "It happened though, and she didn't disappoint. Funny, fey, politically savvy, modest, an activist, appreciative of all life has given to her—she was a delight."

A riding inspiration

Part teacher, part trailblazer and all horsewoman, Kathy Kusner inspired plenty of people with her courage, conviction, experience and success over decades in the saddle. Maryanna Skowronski caught up with just a few to cross Kusner's path.

Joe Davies

Ask steeplechase trainer and former amateur jockey Joe Davies about Kathy Kusner and you will immediately be regaled by a story of his boyhood.

I was about 9 years old and riding at (Hall of Fame trainer) Mikey Smithwick's when Kathy left show jumping to come to Maryland for steeplechasing. I had seen her pictures in The Chronicle of the Horse when she was riding Untouchable and jumping all the biggest jumps and the biggest fences. I was kind of in love with her.

She was working toward riding in the Maryland Hunt Cup and had the ride on Whackerjack. My 9-year-old logic figured that live weight was better than dead weight and I figured that my 60 pounds added to her 110 pounds (if that) would make the weight and I could go around the course with her. The powers that be did not agree.

To see her go around that course—she inspired me.

Charlie Fenwick

When a man who has faced and conquered the Aintree Grand National course tells you he admires the fearlessness of another jockey you take notice. That's Charlie Fenwick talking about Kusner.

Charlie and his brother Bruce were youngsters growing up next to their uncle Bobby Fenwick and his wife, Gill. The brothers were much younger than the champion show rider who spent a great amount of time at their relatives' Worthington Valley farm but it was here that their paths first crossed. Later, Charlie recalled, Kusner schooled hunters for his father Cuppy Fenwick.

My father loved to hunt but he was not a great rider. Kathy was schooling some of his hunters at the old Green Spring Valley hunt club. There was an old gentleman who worked there. He would take a fence rail and hold it up against the side of a barn using pressure to keep it in place. Kathy would take my father's horse over it repeatedly until finally it had been raised to 4 feet. My father's comment was, "My horse doesn't have to jump that high for me to ride him."

I was with George Morris once watching her give a clinic and we talked about her and how for us it was magical, how wonderful she could make a horse jump. I don't know many people like her. She has all sorts of emotions, but fear wasn't one of them. Paddy Neilson was like that, aware but not afraid. Kathy was the same way, aware of the risks and the danger but not held back by them.

Vivian Rall

Trainer and former jockey Vivian Rall lives within hailing distance of the Elkridge-Harford Hunt Club, the place that she called home for 10 years during her early days in Maryland. Her neighbor in the old clubhouse during those years was Kusner.

Kathy had the room at the end of the hall upstairs at the club. A friend of hers had painted fish on the walls. She had an impish sense of humor, one day chasing me around with a snake she had caught. Kathy inspired us. At the time we all ascribed to her methods of teaching horses to jump—how to use our seats to guide a horse. She did a lot of grid work. Turney McKnight (amateur jockey and trainer) used her grid method a lot in schooling his steeplechase horses.

Note: During a recent visit to the club Kusner stopped in to see her old haunt. The fish were long covered over.

Turney McKnight

A Maryland Hunt Cup winner aboard Tong in 1982, Turney McKnight finished second to the great *Ben Nevis II aboard Perfect Cast in 1977 and 1978. He learned from Kusner's show-ring experience while schooling horses, and was on the Hunt Cup's race committee when Kusner's application to ride was considered.

The first thing I should say is that when Kathy was coming up, a lot of her success before the flat track and the Hunt Cup was due to the support she had from Mr. Samuel Murray. He was the father of Benjamin "Laddie" Murray for whom the race (at the Grand National) is named. Mr. Murray was very respected and his support made a tremendous difference in her opportunities.

When Kathy was at Mikey Smithwick's place in Hydes, Maryland we were introduced to combination work—setting up oxers, varying the distance between jumps, varying the height and width. Now show riders did this all the time but it was new to me and utilizing the technique made a big difference to me.

It's been written several places that I was the "deciding vote" that allowed Kathy to ride in the Hunt Cup. This isn't true. I was an advocate for allowing her to ride. There wasn't anything personal against her riding it was that at that time it was felt that women weren't up to it physically. Even after Kathy competed it was still a long time before it was generally accepted that women could compete alongside men. In fact, some women are better than men.



Kathy Kusner shares a moment with early mentor Samuel Murray.



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Hurryupandcomeback with her first foal, a colt from the first crop of Army Mule born in February at Murmur Farm.



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Greenspring Mares and Sabrina Moore bred the colt by Munnings out of I'm Engaged foaled at GreenMount Farm.

Foals Wanted

Send your foal reports and photographs of 2020 foals for inclusion on the Maryland Horse Breeders Association website and *The Maryland Horse* newsletter.

Email information to

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Submissions may also be made on the MHBA website at MarylandThoroughbred.com/foalreport.



MARYLAND FOAL REPORT

CAPTAIN MUNNINGS, by Munnings, b.c., Feb. 20, by Shakin It Up. Dennis Cardoza.

DON'TSTOP THEPARTY, by Henrythenavigator, b.f., Feb. 26, by Medallist. Jagger Inc. Mare to Bandbox.

G'S TREASURE, by Successful Appeal, b.c., Jan. 17, by Holy Boss. No Guts No Glory Farm.

HURRYUPANDCOMEBACK, by Mizzen Mast, ch.c., Feb. 11, by Army Mule. Wasabi Ventures Stables LLC, Vandelay Stables LLC, Michael J. Dzik, Stephen Stange and Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Force the Pass.

I'M ENGAGED, by Broken Vow, ch.c., Feb. 18, by Munnings.

Greenspring Mares LLC. Mare to Include.

LEVEL WITH ME, by Rock Slide, ch.f., Feb. 7, by Bourbon Courage. Michael J. Harrison DVM. Mare to Uncle Lino.

MARK ME SPECIAL, by Haymaker, dkbb.c., Feb. 9, by Great Notion. Michael J. Harrison DVM. Mare to Golden Lad.

MAUI WAHINE, by Cuba, b.c., Feb. 20, by Great Notion. Tom H. Michaels and Lorna L. Baker. Mare to Great Notion.

MINNY O'PRADO, by O'Prado Again, ch.f., Jan. 29, by Midshipman. Pete Mattson.

MY LITTLE JOSIE, by Outflanker, b.f., March 1, by Great Notion. David DiPietro.

PATEL, by Skip Away, b.c., Feb. 19, by Golden Lad. Joe M. Thomson.

SAFE WITH ME, by Discreetly Mine, b.c., Feb. 1, by Great Notion. Jagger Inc. Mare to Uptowncharlybrown.



Bourbon Courage filly out of Level With Me is a half-sister to Hashtag Selfie.



Great Notion filly is out of multiple stakes-placed My Little Josie (by Outflanker).



Oonearmedbandit, the stakes-winning dam of 10-time stakes winner Anna's Bandit, with her Mosler colt born in January.

Flashly tops broodmares at Fasig-Tipton Kentucky

Flashly, a 5-year-old Maryland-bred half-sister to Kentucky Oaks-G1 winner Cathryn Sophia, sold for \$310,000 to top all broodmares at the Fasig-Tipton Kentucky winter mixed sale Feb. 10-11 in Lexington. Carrying her first foal, to the cover of Triple Crown champion and 2019 leading freshman sire American Pharoah, the daughter of Denman (Aus) was purchased by Sallusto and Albina, agent, from the consignment of agent St George Sales.

Bred by Bob Manfuso, Flashly is the third foal out of Sheave, by Mineshaft, and

won twice in seven starts after selling as a yearling for \$190,000.

Born two years earlier, Cathryn Sophia (by Street Boss), was a millionaire at 3 and won six of nine starts, five stakes. She last sold at the 2017 Keeneland November breeding stock sale for \$2.3 million carrying her first foal, by Pioneer of the Nile.

Flashly's second dam is graded stakes winner and Grade 1-placed Belterra, a half-sister to General George Handicap-G2 winner Royal Haven, who won 19 races and captured four graded stakes. 🐾

Foundation, 4-H offer youth series

The Maryland Horse Industry Foundation is partnering with the Maryland 4-H Youth Development Program on the 2020 Career Exploration Series, which gives teenagers the opportunity to learn about careers available in the Maryland horse industry.

The program is designed for equine-inclined youth ages 14-19, who will visit various locations, network with leaders and learn about career advancement opportunities.

Maryland and non-Maryland residents are welcome

and previous experience with horses is not required.

2020 schedule

April 18—Thoroughbred Breeding—Shamrock Farm (Woodbine)

May 9—Thoroughbred Sales—Fasig-Tipton Midlantic (Timonium)

July 11—Thoroughbred Racing—Laurel Park (Laurel).

For more information, visit MarylandHorse.com. 🐾

Foundation creates job-listing resource

The Maryland Horse Industry Foundation has created a resource for local farms, businesses and programs to submit job or internship listings. Openings must be within the Maryland horse industry. Those offering positions will fill out the form at MarylandHorse.com, with listings posted under Job Listings or Internship Listings. Among recent postings were internships at the American Horse Council in Washington, D.C., Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Lisbon, the Washington International Horse Show in Washington, D.C., and Hilltop Farm in Conowingo. Jobs available included After the Races in Elkton and Days End Farm Horse Rescue in Lisbon.

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IN MEMORIAM

Bob Eldredge

Robert "Bob" William Eldredge, managing editor of *The Maryland Horse* for more than 15 years, died Feb. 15 at 90. He had suffered from Alzheimer's disease since 2009.

Eldredge was passionate about the environment, nature and animals, but especially horses. He became art director of *The Maryland Horse* in the mid-1960s, and his work appeared regularly in the magazine. He also was known for his special projects, such as maps of horse country and horse farms around the state, the course layouts of the local point-to-points, and portraits of racing greats, including Hunt Cup champions Jay Trump and Mountain Dew. In 1966, he designed and created illustrations and maps in the Steeplechase book *Jay Trump: A Steeplechasing Saga* by Peter Winants.

Eldredge became the magazine's assistant editor by early 1968, and 50 years ago this month was named managing editor, a position he held until 1986. Under his direction, the magazine was recognized with dozens of awards from the American Horse Publications for layout and design.

In 2010 the Maryland Horse Council named Eldredge Maryland Horseman of the Year in appreciation of his "long and outstanding career in the Maryland horse industry and for the inspiration and guidance that he has provided to generations of young Marylanders."

Born in Middletown, Conn., his parents were Brigadier Douglas G. Eldredge and Dorothy Eldredge, two Salvation Army officers who soon moved their family to Maryland.

Eldredge was a graduate of Baltimore City College, served in the Navy during the Korean War, and after the war graduated from Springfield College in Massachusetts, majoring in recreation.

At age 12 Eldredge was working at the Salvation Army's Camp Puh'tok in Monkton, which was founded by his father in 1942, became executive director in the mid-1980s, and devoted his life to it. The camp's mission remains "to serve children from all socio-economic backgrounds with meaningful hands-on outdoor learning activities that foster an appreciation for nature, our history, and one another." A celebration of Eldredge's life will be held at the Puh'tok camp April 19. 🐾



Eldredge's watercolor of the Maryland Hunt Cup course.



MARYLAND FUND REPORT

Bonuses paid for races at Maryland tracks
January 1 to January 31, 2020

Geisha Stakes

January 18. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 4-year-olds and up, fillies and mares, registered Maryland-bred or Maryland sired. 1 mi. 5 competed. (Closed with 13 nominations.) Winner: ARTFUL SPLATTER, by Bandbox. Breeder bonus: Ann Biggs Jackson (\$6,750). Stallion bonus: Bandbox Syndicate. Second: West Virginia-bred by Great Notion. Third: ENCHANTED GHOST, by Ghostzapper. Breeder bonus: George Doetsch (\$1,125). Stallion bonus: None.

Jennings Handicap

January 18. Purse \$75,000-guaranteed. For 4-year-olds and up, registered Maryland-bred or Maryland sired. 1 mi. 6 competed. (Closed with 19 nominations.) Winner: ALWAYS MINING, by Stay Thirsty. Breeder bonus: Avla Pitts (\$6,750). Stallion bonus: None. Second: JOHN JONES, by Smarty Jones. Breeder bonus: Nancy Lee Farms (\$2,250). Stallion bonus: None. Third: CLUBMAN, by Not For Love. Breeder bonus: Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quinn Bowman and Rebecca Davis (\$1,125). Stallion bonus: Not For Love Syndicate (\$375).

Breeder bonuses

Linda Albert and Thomas Baldwin—KOSHER KONTRACT: Jan. 4, 2nd race, \$1,449.
Hector Alcalde—SOJOURNER: Jan. 16, 3rd race, \$1,134.
Anchor and Hope Farm Inc.—PORT LOUIS: Jan. 3, 3rd race, \$2,205.
Robert Atkinson and Mary Atkinson—ORTINOLA: Jan. 26, 2nd race, \$759.
Barak Farm—AWESOME AT RIEDES: Jan. 16, 4th race, \$3,591. ELECTRIC CHOKE: Jan. 12, 7th race, \$1,449; Jan. 26, 4th race, \$759. NINE MARTINIS: Jan. 9, 8th race, \$1,449. STROLL SMOKIN: Jan. 1, 4th race, \$4,275; Jan. 17, 8th race, \$990. (\$12,513)
William Bayne—BERNIE'S ON FIRE: Jan. 20, 5th race, \$7,182. D C FIREMAN: Jan. 5, 5th race, \$3,933. (\$11,115)
Karen Benschhoff and Ronald Benschhoff—MARYLANDER: Jan. 12, 5th race, \$3,078.
Best A Luck Farm LLC—MY FRIENDS BEER: Jan. 1, 1st race, \$5,643.
Mary B. Boskin—BROOKS ROBINSON: Jan. 3, 3rd race, \$1,155.

William T. Bourne—KNEESINTHEBREEZE: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$5,643; Jan. 31, 5th race, \$2,205. (\$7,848)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman—EMMA'S DIAMOND: Jan. 19, 7th race, \$495. MARKET MOVER: Jan. 24, 2nd race, \$1,089. (\$1,584)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Quinn Bowman and Rebecca Davis—CLUBMAN: Jan. 18, 5th race, \$1,125.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Rebecca Davis, R. Larry Johnson—COURTESY SHUFFLE: Jan. 5, 6th race, \$3,078.
Dr. Mrs. Bowman, Dutrow Thoroughbred Ent. Inc. and Rebecca Davis—EASY RIVER: Jan. 3, 5th race, \$3,59; Jan. 24, 3rd race, \$3,591. (\$7,182)
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman, Charles L. Frock and Rick Buckley—ONE ODD STORY: Jan. 10, 6th race, \$1,134; Jan. 25, 1st race, \$3,078. (\$4,212)
Bowman and Higgins Stable—CONGRESS HALL: Jan. 17, 5th race, \$3,078.
Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Bowman and R. Larry Johnson—DETERMINED CHANCE: Jan. 19, 1st race, \$1,134.
Shellaine Brown, Susan Baldrige, Horseshoe Valley, Treasure Stable—GOING TO THE LEAD: Jan. 11, 5th race, \$924.
A.G. Chaudry—LORD TIZ: Jan. 4, 3rd race, \$1,320. PITCHING ARI: Jan. 11, 7th race, \$7,182. (\$8,502)
Sherman Chin—IMAGINE WINNING: Jan. 5, 1st race, \$1,890.
Christ is King Stable—YES MAN: Jan. 26, 3rd race, \$726.
Donelson Christmas Jr.—LADY LOOSE: Jan. 19, 8th race, \$495.
Patricia Clark and Pamela Arnold—PAUL THE WAITER: Jan. 1, 2nd race, \$1,827.
Classic Thoroughbred XII—STOLEN LOVE: Jan. 5, 2nd race, \$495.
Clover Hill Farm Inc.—ONEMOREGREATTIME: Jan. 3, 6th race, \$8,037.
Country Life Farm—LIQUID HERO: Jan. 26, 8th race, \$945.
Country Life Farm and Fleet and Fancy LLC—FORTYFIVEROCKET: Jan. 20, 2nd race, \$990.
Country Life Farm, Friesian Fire Syndicate, Miller Thompson LLC and S. Nelson—GOODLUCKJOHNATHAN: Jan. 10, 4th race, \$1,764.
Country Life Farm and Mrs. J.W.Y. Martin Jr.—EARNED IT: Jan. 4, 6th race, \$1,323; Jan. 25, 2nd race, \$693. HOME OF THE LOMBARDI: Jan. 24, 6th race, \$495. (\$2,511)
Country Roads Ltd.—TAPDANCING GIRL: Jan. 30, 1st race, \$891.
Mike Dalton LLC—CONJECTURE: Jan. 20, 7th race, \$990.
Dark Hollow Farm—POPIZAR: Jan. 9, 7th race, \$1,386. TOY: Jan. 17, 6th race, \$2,079. (\$3,465)
Donald K. Dean—ESTERINA: Jan. 5, 8th race, \$5,985.
D Hatman Thoroughbreds—ELEVATED FOREVER: Jan. 4, 4th race, \$2,565.
David DiPietro—MIDNIGHT CRY: Jan. 12, 4th race, \$945; Jan. 31, 7th race, \$3,078. (\$4,023)

George Doetsch—ENCHANTED GHOST: Jan. 18, 4th race, \$1,125.
Dragon's Lair Farm LLC—BAPTIZE THE BOY: Jan. 4, 2nd race, \$759.
The Elkstone Group LLC—CANT PASS IT UP: Jan. 1, 7th race, \$1,890. HIGHER PURPOSE: Jan. 26, 8th race, \$2,565. ONE LAST TRIAL: Jan. 26, 1st race, \$5,643. SAPPHIRE SHILLING: Jan. 5, 2nd race, \$2,565. TORCH OF TRUTH: Jan. 3, 3rd race, \$5,985. (\$18,648)
Mary E. Eppler Racing Stable and A. Leonard Pineau—CRUSH IT: Jan. 25, 7th race, \$1,386.
Annette Eubanks and Daniel Eubanks—VOODOO VALLEY: Jan. 20, 4th race, \$495.
Everest Stables Inc.—NIGHTLIFE: Jan. 11, 6th race, \$2,835.
Christopher J. Feifarek—OUR STAR: Jan. 5, 8th race, \$1,155; Jan. 26, 2nd race, \$3,933. (\$5,088)
Kristin Fernandez and Ramon Fernandez—SHE'S MYSUNSHINE: Jan. 3, 7th race, \$7,182.
Finale Farm, Mr. and Mrs. D. David Moose and Lone Pond Farm LLC—COLD HEARTED GAL: Jan. 17, 5th race, \$594.
Mrs. Janon Fisher III—FAIRY WISH: Jan. 5, 8th race, \$2,205.
Fitzhugh LLC—MARDEN: Jan. 16, 2nd race, \$957. PALACE CHECK: Jan. 10, 1st race, \$891. (\$1,848)
Paul L. Fowler Jr.—TAPPIN CAT: Jan. 19, 4th race, \$2,835.
Charles Anthony Frock—BARBS GRAY LION: Jan. 3, 1st race, \$945; Jan. 31, 6th race, \$495. (\$1,440)
Cary Frommer—ZIG: Jan. 18, 1st race, \$1,320.
Robert Gerczak—CATONSVILLE: Jan. 26, 6th race, \$945. CHICKEN DINNER: Jan. 3, 8th race, \$945; Jan. 19, 8th race, \$945. (\$2,835)
Michael J. Harrison DVM—HASHTAG SELFIE: Jan. 12, 8th race, \$726. JUDI BLUE EYES: Jan. 9, 4th race, \$1,764; Jan. 30, 5th race, \$1,764. (\$4,254)
Hickory Plans LLC, Randy Cohen and Alyse Cohen—TOUGHEST 'OMBRE: Jan. 19, 4th race, \$1,485; Jan. 31, 4th race, \$2,961. (\$4,446)
Hickory Ridge Farm—CAREY TIMES: Jan. 20, 5th race, \$2,646.
Hillwood Stables LLC—BUNTING: Jan. 1, 6th race, \$2,205; Jan. 31, 3rd race, \$2,205. LONG POINT BEACH: Jan. 10, 5th race, \$7,182. SILVER SIDES: Jan. 10, 6th race, \$3,078. (\$14,670)
Hope Hill Farm and Thomas McGreevy—ESTRELLA GRANDE: Jan. 24, 1st race, \$495.
Michael and Debbie Horning—COFFEE PLEASE: Jan. 26, 3rd race, \$1,386.
Ann Biggs Jackson—ARTFUL SPLATTER: Jan. 18, 4th race, \$6,750. TACO SUPREMACY: Jan. 3, 6th race, \$1,551. (\$8,301)
Jellicoe Creek LLC—GALLANOR: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$495.
R. Larry Johnson—DAY THE MUSIC DIED: Jan. 4, 2nd race, \$3,933; Jan. 31, 5th race, \$5,985. KEEPER IN SPITE: Jan. 20, 6th race, \$594. SLEWZER: Jan. 3, 1st race, \$495; Jan. 17, 4th race, \$495; Jan. 31, 6th race, \$2,565. YOU CAN NEVER TELL: Jan. 31, 5th race, \$1,155. YOU MADE IT: Jan. 1, 6th race, \$5,985. (\$21,207)
R. Larry Johnson and Legacy Farm—GONE HOME: Jan. 17, 1st race, \$1,386.
Harry Kassap LLC—QUIET IMAGINATION: Jan. 18, 7th race, \$5,643.
Carol A. Kaye—HUNCA ROCK: Jan. 1, 5th race, \$495. MOONLIGHT SHADOW: Jan. 1, 7th race, \$990. SMOKIN HOT FACTOR: Jan. 31, 7th race, \$594. (\$2,079)
Carol Kaye and Boyce Stable—LAUREL LADY: Jan. 1, 3rd race, \$594; Jan. 16, 1st race, \$594. (\$1,188)
Joanne Krishack—DR. RUSTY RAYMOND: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$1,089.
Lady Olivia at North Cliff LLC—LADY GEORGE: Jan. 3, 7th race, \$2,646.
Frederick T. Lewis Jr. DVM—TEN OAKS MISS: Jan. 4, 7th race, \$1,386.
Kenneth Lowe Jr.—LITTLE MISS RAE LYN: Jan. 31, 3rd race, \$5,985.
Jennifer Lynn Lunceford and Echo Valley Farm—KICKSTART MY HEART: Jan. 30, 1st race, \$1,701.

Robert T. Manfuso—CAMPARI: Jan. 4, 4th race, \$945; Jan. 20, 4th race, \$2,565. (\$3,510)
Robert T. Manfuso and Katharine M. Voss—JUMPING MICHELLE: Jan. 24, 5th race, \$1,827. NOBLE WAY: Jan. 10, 4th race, \$4,788. (\$6,615)
Marathon Farms Inc.—CHUCK'S DREAM: Jan. 24, 8th race, \$1,134.
Maryland Mare Venture LLC—NAUGHTY THOUGHTS: Jan. 19, 2nd race, \$1,449.
Louis McLane Merryman—SNIPPETY: Jan. 17, 7th race, \$759.
Mezza Luna Farm LLC—MAGICAL LUNA: Jan. 30, 7th race, \$5,130.
Audrey R. Murray—PETION LASS: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$945.
Nancy Lee Farms—JOHN JONES: Jan. 18, 5th race, \$2,250. SING A VERSE: Jan. 9, 5th race, \$3,078. (\$5,328)
Nicewonder Stable LLC—TWIN VALOR: Jan. 24, 6th race, \$945.
No Guts No Glory Farm—BIGDADDYSGLORY: Jan. 5, 3rd race, \$3,078.
Northview Stallion Station Inc.—A TRUE GENTLEMAN: Jan. 16, 6th race, \$495.
David W. Palmer—BUCKED TOOTH: Jan. 18, 9th race, \$2,565.
Frank A. Perri Jr.—RAGING BLAZE: Jan. 30, 1st race, \$4,617.
Dr. and Mrs. A. Leonard Pineau—PAINT MUSIC FOR ME: Jan. 1, 1st race, \$2,079. TRULY HOT: Jan. 12, 8th race, \$3,762. (\$5,841)
Avla Pitts—ALWAYS MINING: Jan. 18, 5th race, \$6,750.
Charles J. Reed and Michael Zanella—PATRIOTIC PUNCH: Jan. 10, 1st race, \$1,701.
Thomas L. Reynolds—SHADOW BOXER: Jan. 16, 5th race, \$945.
Tim Ritchey and Janet Ritchey—DANCER'S MELLODY: Jan. 10, 5th race, \$2,646.
Roland Farm—SEVILLA SANGRIA: Jan. 3, 2nd race, \$1,320.
Timothy J. Rooney—SEANY P: Jan. 30, 8th race, \$3,933.
Sagamore Farm LLC—HARPERS FIRST RIDE: Jan. 19, 4th race, \$7,695.
Shamrock Farm—LET ME ASK BOB: Jan. 9, 5th race, \$1,134.
Michael Terry Shane—MARGIE'S BAND: Jan. 16, 1st race, \$3,078.
Share the Risk Partnership—LIZ'S SMILE: Jan. 24, 5th race, \$957.
Skeedaddle Associates—MY TALK: Jan. 10, 3rd race, \$2,565. PEP TALKING: Jan. 11, 3rd race, \$945; Jan. 25, 8th race, \$945. (\$4,455)
Hamilton Smith—PERFECT HEIR: Jan. 9, 5th race, \$594.
Hamilton Smith, Fred Greene Jr, Deborah Greene—MOON VIRGINIA: Jan. 20, 7th race, \$5,130. THE POSER: Jan. 11, 7th race, \$2,646. (\$7,776)
Somewhere Stable Kentucky LLC—HEAVENLY HATTIE: Jan. 16, 7th race, \$726.
Spendthrift Farm LLC—PATAZ: Jan. 16, 4th race, \$693. TOWSON: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$2,565; Jan. 19, 7th race, \$945. (\$4,203)
Sweet Spirits Stables LLC—REDEEMED SPIRIT: Jan. 4, 8th race, \$4,617.
Sycamore Hall Thoroughbreds LLC—BALTIMORE BEAUTY: Jan. 10, 2nd race, \$726. ELEVATED VISION: Jan. 11, 6th race, \$1,485. FOLLOW THE DOG: Jan. 9, 7th race, \$7,182. PAID HOLIDAY: Jan. 11, 8th race, \$3,078. (\$12,471)
James F. Thames—EVELYN'S HORSEPLAY: Jan. 12, 6th race, \$891.
Thornmar Farm LLC—BARRISTER: Jan. 24, 2nd race, \$2,079.
Thornmar Farm and Colleen Torsney—JUST WAVE AND SMILE: Jan. 17, 6th race, \$5,643.
Two Legends Farm—SPARTY: Jan. 5, 7th race, \$4,275.
Walter Vieser II—DAPPER MUN: Jan. 1, 5th race, \$2,565.
Janet Wayson—OUTSIDE THE BOX: Jan. 24, 8th race, \$3,078.
Konrad Wayson—BEAR FORCE WON: Jan. 17, 1st race, \$726.

Mr. and Mrs. Bayne Welker Jr.—DESHACKLED: Jan. 17, 6th race, \$1,089.
 Dr. and Mrs. Bruce C. Wells—PROMISING PISTOL: Jan. 12, 7th race, \$3,933.
 Edward N. Williams and Mike Mattese—THREE HAWK: Jan. 24, 4th race, \$7,182.
 Willow Oaks Stable—THIRSTY AGAIN: Jan. 1, 3rd race, \$1,134.
 Winding Creek Farm—WHISKEY AND YOU: Jan. 20, 5th race, \$1,386.
 Mrs. Frank P. Wright—EXPECT TALK: Jan. 25, 1st race, \$1,134. POWER BACK: Jan. 4, 1st race, \$1,386. SARAH'S TREASURE: Jan. 1, 6th race, \$1,155; Jan. 31, 3rd race, \$1,155. (\$4,830)

Stallion bonuses

BALTIMORE BOB (Let Me Ask Bob: Jan. 9, 5th race, \$378): Robert Gerczak
 BANDBOX (Artful Splatter: Jan. 18, 4th race, \$2,250. Baptize the Boy: Jan. 4, 2nd race, \$253. Bear Force Won: Jan. 17, 1st race, \$242. Bigdaddy's glory: Jan. 5, 3rd race, \$1,026. Bunting: Jan. 1, 6th race, \$735; Jan. 31, 3rd race, \$735. Follow the Dog: Jan. 9, 7th race, \$2,394. Heavily Hattie: Jan. 16, 7th race, \$242. Knees in the breeze: Jan. 9, 1st race, \$1,881. Margie's Band: Jan. 16, 1st race, \$1,026. Outside the Box: Jan. 24, 8th race, \$1,026. Silver Sides: Jan. 10, 6th race, \$1,026. The Poser: Jan. 11, 7th race, \$882): Bandbox Syndicate—\$14,453.

BULLSBAY (A True Gentleman: Jan. 16, 6th race, \$165): Bulls Bay Syndicate.
 CAL NATION (Earned It: Jan. 4, 6th race, \$441; Jan. 25, 2nd race, \$231. Judi Blue Eyes: Jan. 9, 4th race, \$588; Jan. 30, 5th race, \$588): Cal Nation Syndicate—\$1,848.
 DESPITE THE ODDS (Determined Chance: Jan. 19, 1st race, \$378. Gone Home: Jan. 17, 1st race, \$462. Keeper in Spite: Jan. 20, 6th race, \$198. One Odd Story: Jan. 10, 6th race, \$378; Jan. 25, 1st race, \$1,026. Port Louis: Jan. 3, 3rd race, \$735. Shadow Boxer: Jan. 16, 5th race, \$315. Slewzer: Jan. 3, 1st race, \$165; Jan. 17, 4th race, \$165; Jan. 31, 6th race, \$855): R. Larry Johnson—\$4,677.
 FRIESAN FIRE (Bernie's On Fire: Jan. 20, 5th race, \$2,394. D C Fireman: Jan. 5, 5th race, \$1,311. Estrella Grande: Jan. 24, 1st race, \$165. Goodluckjohnathan: Jan. 10, 4th race, \$588. Raging Blaze: Jan. 30, 1st race, \$1,539. Whiskey and You: Jan. 20, 5th race, \$462): Friesan Fire Syndicate—\$6,459.
 GIACOMO (Coffee Please: Jan. 26, 3rd race, \$462): Giacomo Syndicate.
 GOLDEN LAD (Long Point Beach: Jan. 10, 5th race, \$2,394. She'smysunshine: Jan. 3, 7th race, \$2,394): Golden Lad Syndicate—\$4,788.
 GREAT NOTION (Conjecture: Jan. 20, 7th race, \$330. Elevated Vision: Jan. 11, 6th race, \$495. Onemoregreattime: Jan. 3, 6th race, \$2,679.

Sing a Verse: Jan. 9, 5th race, \$1,026. Snippet: Jan. 17, 7th race, \$253. Zig: Jan. 18, 1st race, \$440): Great Notion Syndicate—\$5,223.
 HUNTERS BAY (Liz's Smile: Jan. 24, 5th race, \$319): Stronach Group LP.
 IMAGINING (Imagine Winning: Jan. 5, 1st race, \$630. Market Mover: Jan. 24, 2nd race, \$363. Quiet Imagination: Jan. 18, 7th race, \$1,881): Imagining Syndicate—\$2,874.
 LION HEARTED (Barbsgray Lion: Jan. 3, 1st race, \$315; Jan. 31, 6th race, \$165): Lion Hearted Syndicate—\$480.
 LOUIS QUATORZE (Kosher Contract: Jan. 4, 2nd race, \$483): Louis Quatorze Syndicate.
 NICANOR (Catonsville: Jan. 26, 6th race, \$315. Seany P: Jan. 30, 8th race, \$1,311): Nicanor Syndicate—\$1,626.
 NOT FOR LOVE (Brooks Robinson: Jan. 3, 3rd race, \$385. Clubman: Jan. 18, 5th race, \$375. Crush It: Jan. 25, 7th race, \$462. Easy River: Jan. 3, 5th race, \$1,197; Jan. 24, 3rd race, \$1,197. Stolen Love: Jan. 5, 2nd race, \$165. Torch of Truth: Jan. 3, 3rd race, \$1,995): Not For Love Syndicate—\$5,776.
 OUTFLANKER (Chicken Dinner: Jan. 3, 8th race, \$315; Jan. 19, 8th race, \$315. Evelyn's Horseplay: Jan. 12, 6th race, \$297): Outflanker Syndicate—\$927.

PETIONVILLE (Petion Lass: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$315. Voodoo Valley: Jan. 20, 4th race, \$165): Everest Stables Inc.—\$480.
 REDEEMED (Gallanor: Jan. 10, 7th race, \$165. Going to the Lead: Jan. 11, 5th race, \$308. Redeemed Spirit: Jan. 4, 8th race, \$1,539): Redeemed Syndicate—\$2,012.
 ROCK SLIDE (Hunca Rock: Jan. 1, 5th race, \$165): Shamrock Farms.
 SEVILLE (GER) (Marylander: Jan. 12, 5th race, \$1,026. Sevilla Sangria: Jan. 3, 2nd race, \$440): Seville Syndicate—\$1,466.
 STREET MAGICIAN (Courtesy Shuffle: Jan. 5, 6th race, \$1,026. Magical Luna: Jan. 30, 7th race, \$1,710. Midnight Cry: Jan. 12, 4th race, \$315; Jan. 31, 7th race, \$1,026. Yes Man: Jan. 26, 3rd race, \$242): R. Larry Johnson—\$4,319.
 SUPER NINETY NINE (Fairy Wish: Jan. 5, 8th race, \$735. Fortifyfiverocket: Jan. 20, 2nd race, \$330. Homeofthe Lombardi: Jan. 24, 6th race, \$165. Liquid Hero: Jan. 26, 8th race, \$315. Little Miss Raelyn: Jan. 31, 3rd race, \$1,995. Nine Martinis: Jan. 9, 8th race, \$483. Ortinola: Jan. 26, 2nd race, \$253. Patatz: Jan. 16, 4th race, \$231): Country Life Farm and Spend-thrift—\$4,507.
 TRITAP (Tapdancing Girl: Jan. 30, 1st race, \$297. Tappin Cat: Jan. 19, 4th race, \$945. Ten Oaks Miss: Jan. 4, 7th race, \$462): Tritap Syndicate—\$1,704.



Maryland-bred Bonus Payments

for registered Maryland-breds running in Maryland

Bonuses are paid 45 to 75 days from date of actual race

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
14000	7980	2394	2940	882	1540	462
14500	8265	2479.50	3045	913.50	1595	478.50
15000	8550	2565	3150	945	1650	495
15500	8835	2650.50	3255	976.50	1705	511.50
16000	9120	2736	3360	1008	1760	528
16500	9405	2821.50	3465	1039.50	1815	544.50
17000	9690	2907	3570	1071	1870	561
17500	9975	2992.50	3675	1102.50	1925	577.50
18000	10260	3078	3780	1134	1980	594
18500	10545	3163.50	3885	1165.50	2035	610.50
19000	10830	3249	3990	1197	2090	627
19500	11115	3334.50	4095	1228.50	2145	643.50
20000	11400	3420	4200	1260	2200	660
21000	11970	3591	4410	1323	2310	693
22000	12540	3762	4620	1386	2420	726
23000	13110	3933	4830	1449	2530	759
24000	13680	4104	5040	1512	2640	792
25000	14250	4275	5250	1575	2750	825
26000	14820	4446	5460	1638	2860	858
27000	15390	4617	5670	1701	2970	891
28000	15960	4788	5880	1764	3080	924
29000	16530	4959	6090	1827	3190	957
30000	17100	5130	6300	1890	3300	990
31000	17670	5301	6510	1953	3410	1023
32000	18240	5472	6720	2016	3520	1056

Purse \$	1st place earns \$	1st place breeder bonus \$	2nd place earns \$	2nd place breeder bonus \$	3rd place earns \$	3rd place breeder bonus \$
33000	18810	5643	6930	2079	3630	1089
34000	19380	5814	7140	2142	3740	1122
35000	19950	5985	7350	2205	3850	1155
36000	20520	6156	7560	2268	3960	1188
37000	21090	6327	7770	2331	4070	1221
38000	21660	6498	7980	2394	4180	1254
39000	22230	6669	8190	2457	4290	1287
40000	22800	6840	8400	2520	4400	1320
41000	23370	7011	8610	2583	4510	1353
42000	23940	7182	8820	2646	4620	1386
43000	24510	7353	9030	2709	4730	1419
44000	25080	7524	9240	2772	4840	1452
45000	25650	7695	9450	2835	4950	1485
46000	26220	7866	9660	2898	5060	1518
47000	26790	8037	9870	2961	5170	1551
48000	27360	8208	10080	3024	5280	1584
49000	27930	8379	10290	3087	5390	1617
50000	28500	8550	10500	3150	5500	1650
51000	29070	8721	10710	3213	5610	1683
52000	29640	8892	10920	3276	5720	1716
53000	30210	9063	11130	3339	5830	1749
54000	30780	9234	11340	3402	5940	1782
55000	31350	9405	11550	3465	6050	1815
56000	31920	9576	11760	3528	6160	1848
57000	32490	9747	11970	3591	6270	1881

Purses for all overnight races to be divided 57% to the winner, 21% to second, 11% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 2% to sixth, unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the race. Stakes are capped at \$100,000 for Maryland-bred bonuses, and paid at 15% of purse earned for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Bonuses paid on stakes exceeding \$100,000 will be calculated on purse distributions of a \$100,000 stakes. In general, purses for stakes races are divided 60% to the winner, 20% to second, 10% to third, 6% to fourth, 3% to fifth and 1% to sixth. Refer to specific conditions of the race.

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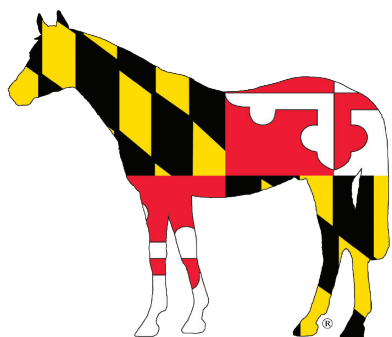
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Maryland-bred top earners in 2020

(through March 3)

1. Majestic Reason . . . \$150,000	11. John Jones . . . \$49,827
2. Alwaysmining . . . 105,000	12. Toy . . . 49,569
Plata O Plomo . . . 105,000	13. Easy River . . . 48,165
4. Artful Splatter . . . 76,122	14. Seany P. . . 42,999
5. Naughty Thoughts . . . 66,279	15. She'smysunshine . . . 41,122
6. Pitching Ari . . . 62,244	16. Harpers First Ride . . . 40,066
7. Field Pass . . . 58,900	17. You Made It . . . 39,513
8. Stroll Smokin . . . 53,937	18. V. I. P. Code . . . 39,410
9. Knicks Go . . . 52,800	19. Pretty Good Year . . . 38,307
10. Kiss the Girl . . . 51,846	20. Three Hawk . . . 37,557

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Maryland's leading sires

Supplied by The Jockey Club Information Services, these statistics compiled March 3 are for stallions who currently stand or completed their careers in Maryland. Lifetime earnings for stallions with at least one starter in 2020. † denotes freshman sire.

Earnings in 2020

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Great Notion	32	56	14	14	\$357,370
Friesan Fire	44	93	8	10	281,998
Bandbox	20	35	9	10	278,725
Super Ninety Nine . . .	25	49	6	6	207,585
Not For Love	21	51	4	6	185,338
Golden Lad	16	26	3	3	178,247
Bourbon Courage . . .	13	23	4	5	171,772
Street Magician	20	44	5	6	147,016
Seville (Ger)	23	46	3	4	110,646
Petionville	14	30	3	4	106,495
Imagining	16	32	1	1	97,100
Outflanker	13	32	3	4	89,253
Orientate	23	48	2	2	88,611
Nicanor	11	23	2	4	86,112
Redeemed	18	39	3	3	75,350
Tritap	10	18	1	1	65,652
Louis Quatorze	7	17	2	2	65,361

Earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	845	19,435	686	2,893	\$80,735,233
Orientate	683	13,918	532	2,032	47,890,642
Petionville	665	14,352	519	1,935	45,460,329
Louis Quatorze	777	14,971	575	1,958	38,199,658
Lion Hearted	507	9,758	389	1,333	30,098,758
Outflanker	444	9,497	331	1,336	29,570,985
Great Notion	265	4,142	215	709	21,981,883
Rock Slide	222	3,925	151	440	11,457,469
Friesan Fire	172	2,789	126	358	11,281,865
Street Magician	111	1,767	78	226	6,865,877
Cherokee's Boy	75	1,535	49	150	4,096,545
Redeemed	63	877	38	92	3,097,406
Showing Up	88	1,167	55	135	2,572,850
Super Ninety Nine . .	44	334	25	56	1,580,453
Bandbox	36	225	27	42	1,444,538
Tritap	29	270	18	39	1,394,220
Seville (Ger)	91	765	35	58	1,367,515
Narrative (Ire)	85	1,275	46	135	1,199,682
Buffum	15	155	12	35	933,818
Nicanor	31	331	18	39	892,743

2-year-old earnings lifetime

	Strs	Starts	Wnrs	Wins	Earnings
Not For Love	365	1,164	139	186	\$6,956,746
Orientate	367	1,155	141	183	5,333,131
Petionville	383	1,184	123	152	4,866,671
Louis Quatorze	338	1,047	104	130	3,509,023
Outflanker	229	924	94	125	3,466,391
Lion Hearted	224	733	81	111	3,096,416
Great Notion	97	295	41	57	2,214,757
Friesan Fire	102	317	34	38	1,732,327
Rock Slide	94	299	24	35	1,075,420
Street Magician	53	207	18	22	1,035,824
Golden Lad	18	68	10	15	666,471
Cherokee's Boy	24	105	8	13	641,664
Tritap	19	79	10	17	619,644
Super Ninety Nine . .	28	108	13	18	576,228
Bourbon Courage . . .	22	76	8	10	567,242
Bandbox	19	60	8	10	417,279
Imagining	17	73	5	6	416,937
Showing Up	35	122	9	12	385,211
Redeemed	27	82	8	9	377,735
Buffum	10	44	9	13	341,061



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VALEDICTORIAN Horse of the Year Champion Older Mare & Turf Runner

Epic Racing's Valedictorian has been named 2019 New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year, champion older female and champion turf runner by the TBANJ.

Valedictorian won three stakes last year at 5, beginning with the Suwannee River Stakes-G3 at Gulfstream Park in February over some of the top filly and mare turf runners in the country. The daughter of Temple City out of the Smart Strike mare Smart N Classy made four starts at the Gulfstream Park meet, adding a win the Sand Springs Stakes in March and recording a second in the Honey Fox Stakes-G3 and third in the Marshua's River Stakes-G3.



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Valedictorian headed north to Monmouth Park and captured the Eatontown Stakes-G3 in June, the same race her dam won in 2005. In her final start of the season, she finished third in Belmont's Noble Damsel Stakes-G3.

Trained by Kelly J. Breen, the dark bay mare earned \$339,330 in 2019 while competing exclusively in stakes. She ended the year with 12 wins from 30 career starts, six seconds and four thirds, for earnings of \$708,765. She represents five generations bred by John Bowers Jr.

IRISH MIAS Champion Two-Year-Old

Irish Mias is the champion 2-year-old after breaking his maiden in the \$200,000 Laurel Futurity at Laurel Park Sept. 21. The son of



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Sky Mesa and Irish Score (by Even the Score) also finished second in the Pulpit Stakes at Gulfstream Park to end his championship campaign with earnings of \$176,100 from five

starts, and never finishing worse than fourth. Irish Mias is a homebred for Isabelle de Tomaso and is trained by Graham Motion.



HOROLOGIST Champion Three-Year-Old Filly

Horologist is the champion New Jersey-bred 3-year-old filly after winning four of her eight starts in 2019. She kicked off her year with a second in her 3-year-old debut, the Glitter Woman Stakes at Gulfstream. Her four wins came in consecutive starts, and included the Monmouth Oaks-G3 and Smart N Classy Handicap at Monmouth Park. The daughter of Gemologist out of the Stephen Got Even mare Cinderella Time also finished third in the Cotillion Stakes-G1 before an interest in her was sold by owner There's a Chance Stable to a group that includes Parkland Thoroughbreds, Medallion Racing and Abbondanza Racing LLC. Through 2019 she amassed \$370,105.

Horologist was trained during her winning streak by John Mazza, who has trained five generations of her family. She is the fifth generation bred by Holly Crest Farm.

SUNNY RIDGE Champion Older Male

Dennis A. Drazin's homebred Sunny Ridge is the champion older male after another successful campaign that saw him win the Salvator Mile-G3 at Monmouth Park and Richard W. Small Stakes at Laurel Park. Sunny Ridge finished second in the Jazil Stakes at Aqueduct and third in the Belmont Park's Westchester Stakes-G3 and Monmouth's Charles Hesse III Handicap in seven starts last year at 6 and was never worse than fourth.

The son of Holy Bull out of the Songandaprayer mare Lignum Vitae currently ranks second on the list of highest-earning New Jersey-breds with \$1,432,577 from 29 career starts (behind Hall of Famer Open Mind with \$1,844,372). The two-time New Jersey-bred Horse of the Year (2016 and 2018) is trained by Jason Servis.



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PNUTBUTTER SPECIAL Champion Sprinter & Three-Year-Old Colt or Gelding

Chick Ridge LLC's Pnutbutter Special, a winner of three races including the 6-furlong New Jersey Breeders Handicap at Monmouth Park against older horses by $5\frac{3}{4}$ lengths, is the New Jersey-bred champion 3-year-old colt or gelding and champion sprinter. He recorded his wins from four starts between June and August, and showed his versatility when second in the Joey P. Handicap at 5 furlongs on the turf.

He finished his championship campaign with a close fourth in the open Mr. Prospector Stakes at Monmouth after setting the pace, and earned \$138,310 for the year under the care of



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trainer Carlos J. Milian. Bred by Emma V. Krohn, he is a son of Jump Start out of Limited Series, by Deerhound.

Irish Score follows in her mother's footsteps as Broodmare of the Year

Irish Score has been honored as New Jersey Broodmare of the Year in 2019. Isabelle de Tomaso bred and owns the 9-year-old daughter of Even the Score, as well as her dam Irish Sovereign (by Polish Numbers), the New Jersey Broodmare of the Year from 2016-2018.

Irish Score's first two foals, Regally Irish and Irish Mias, were both 2019 stakes winners bred and raced by de Tomaso. Regally Irish won the \$100,000 Bridgetown Stakes at Aqueduct in April and finished second in the Irish War Cry Handicap at Monmouth Park.



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Regally Irish was one of two stakes winners out of Irish Score in 2019. The other was champion 2-year-old colt Irish Mias.

Irish Mias is the New Jersey-bred champion 2-year-old after his victory in the \$200,000 Laurel Futurity.

Hey Chub repeats as Stallion of the Year

Hey Chub is the TBANJ Stallion of the Year for the fourth time in his career. In 2019 he had progeny earnings just shy of \$1 million. His top earner, Brother Chub, the 2018 New Jersey-bred champion sprinter, was a winner of five of eight

starts (and two seconds) for earnings of \$158,540 and finished his season with a score in the Claiming Crown Express Stakes.

During his career, Hey Chub has also sired 2017 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash Stakes-G3 winner Chublicious (\$653,393).

The 20-year-old New Jersey-bred son of Carson City out of Donna Doo, by Spend a Buck, was a multiple stakes winner who hit the board in 30 of his 36 starts and earned \$441,755. Daniel J. Lopez bred and owns him.



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Monmouth Park 2020 Stakes Schedule

RACE DATE	VALUE	RACE NAME	AGE/SEX	DISTANCE	SURFACE	CLOSING DATE
5/2	\$100,000	Cliff Hanger Stakes	3+	One Mile	Turf	4/17
5/9	\$75,000	Serena's Song Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and Seventy Yards		5/2
5/10	\$75,000	Long Branch Stakes	3YO	One Mile and One Sixteenth		5/2
5/16	\$75,000	Politely Stakes	3+/F&M	Five Furlongs	Turf	5/9
5/17	\$75,000	Get Serious Stakes	3+	Five Furlongs	Turf	5/9
5/23	\$150,000	G3 Salvator Mile	3+	One Mile		5/9
5/23	\$150,000	G3 Monmouth Stakes	3+	One Mile and One Eighth	Turf	5/9
5/23	\$75,000	John J. Reilly Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+	Six Furlongs		5/16
5/23	\$75,000	Boiling Springs Stakes	3YO/F	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	5/16
5/24	\$100,000	Miss Liberty Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	5/16
5/25	\$75,000	Hystericalady Stakes	3YO/F	Six Furlongs		5/16
5/30	\$75,000	Tale of the Cat Stakes	3YO	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	5/23
5/31	\$75,000	Lookin At Lucky Stakes	3YO	Six Furlongs		5/23
6/6	\$75,000	Unbridled Elaine Stakes	3+/F&M	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	5/30
6/7	\$75,000	Smart N Classy Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+/F&M	One Mile		5/30
6/13	\$150,000	TVG.com Pegasus Stakes	3YO	One Mile and One Sixteenth		5/30
6/14	\$75,000	Oceanport Centennial Stakes	3YO/F	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	6/6
6/20	\$300,000	G1 United Nations Stakes	3+	One Mile and Three Eighths	Turf	6/6
6/20	\$200,000	G3 Philip H. Iselin Stakes	3+	One Mile and One Sixteenth		6/6
6/20	\$150,000	G3 Eatontown Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	6/6
6/20	\$100,000	Lady's Secret Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and One Sixteenth		6/6
6/21	\$75,000	Dan Horn Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	6/13
6/27	\$75,000	Friendly Lover Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+	Six Furlongs		6/20
6/28	\$75,000	Open Mind Stakes	3YO/F	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	6/20
7/3	\$75,000	Rumson Stakes	3+	Five Furlongs		6/27
7/4	\$75,000	Blue Sparkler Stakes	3YO/F	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	6/27
7/5	\$75,000	My Frenchman Stakes	3YO	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	6/27
7/11	\$75,000	Jersey Girl Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+/F&M	One Mile	Turf	7/4
7/12	\$75,000	Irish War Cry Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+	One Mile	Turf	7/4
7/18	\$1,000,000	G1 TVG.com Haskell Invitational	3YO	One Mile and One Eighth		
7/18	\$300,000	G3 Monmouth Cup	3+	One Mile and One Eighth		7/4
7/18	\$250,000	G3 Molly Pitcher Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and One Sixteenth		7/4
7/18	\$150,000	G3 Red Bank Stakes	3+	One Mile	Turf	7/4
7/18	\$150,000	G3 WinStar Matchmaker Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and One Eighth	Turf	7/4
7/18	\$75,000	Wolf Hill Stakes	3+	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	7/4
7/19	\$75,000	Spruce Fir Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+/F&M	Six Furlongs		7/11
7/25	\$75,000	Just Jenda Stakes	3YO/F	One Mile	Turf	7/18
7/26	\$75,000	Frisk Me Now Stakes	3YO	One Mile	Turf	7/18
8/1	\$75,000	Colleen Stakes	2YO/F	Five Furlongs	Turf	7/25
8/2	\$75,000	Tyro Stakes	2YO	Five Furlongs	Turf	7/25
8/8	\$75,000	Incredible Revenge Stakes	3+/F&M	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	8/1
8/9	\$75,000	Decathlon Stakes	3YO	Five and One Half Furlongs		8/1
8/15	\$150,000	G3 Monmouth Oaks	3YO/F	One Mile and One Sixteenth		8/1
8/16	\$100,000	Jersey Derby	3YO	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	8/8
8/22	\$75,000	Unbridled Essence Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and One Half	Turf	8/15
8/23	\$75,000	Bodacious Tatas Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and Seventy Yards		8/15
8/29	\$75,000	Presious Passion Stakes	3+	One Mile and One Half	Turf	8/22
8/30	\$100,000	Charles Hesse III Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+	One Mile and One Sixteenth		8/22
8/30	\$75,000	New Jersey Breeders' Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+	Six Furlongs		8/22
8/30	\$75,000	Eleven North Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+/F&M	Six Furlongs		8/22
9/5	\$150,000	Oceanport Stakes	3+	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	8/22
9/6	\$100,000	Sapling Stakes	2YO	One Mile		8/23
9/7	\$100,000	Sorority Stakes	2YO/F	One Mile	Turf	8/23
9/12	\$100,000	Violet Stakes	3+/F&M	One Mile and One Sixteenth	Turf	8/29
9/12	\$100,000	Rainbow Heir Stakes	3+	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	8/20
9/12	\$100,000	Mr. Prospector Stakes	3+	Six Furlongs		8/29
9/12	\$100,000	Regret Stakes	3+/F&M	Six Furlongs		8/29
9/12	\$100,000	Jersey Shore Stakes	3YO	Six Furlongs		8/29
9/13	\$75,000	Miss Woodford Stakes	3YO/F	Five and One Half Furlongs		9/5
9/19	\$75,000	Joey P. Handicap (NJ-Bred)	3+	Five Furlongs	Turf	9/12
9/20	\$75,000	Good Magic Mile	3+	One Mile		9/12
9/26	\$75,000	Safely Kept Stakes	3+/F&M	Five and One Half Furlongs	Turf	9/19
9/27	\$75,000	Smoke Glacken Stakes	2YO	Six Furlongs		9/19



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President's message

Thank you to all who submitted nominations for the 2019 NCTA Championship Awards. In many categories, the competition was tight. Just a reminder that only the winnings earned in the race-type for which the horse was nominated is credited, not the total earned unless the horse consistently raced in the same type of race. Congratulations to the winners!

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/Rebecca Montaldo

2019 NCTA Awards

MOPOTISM

Champion graded stakes horse
B.m., 2014, Uncle Mo—Preppy Rafaela,
by Bernardini
Bred by Frank Batten

BANK ON SHEA

Champion stakes horse
Champion 2-year-old
B.c., 2017, Central Banker—
Miss Moultrie by Uncle Mo
Owned by Shea D Boy's Stable -
Dan and Christy Shea

DRIP BREW

Champion allowance female
B.m., 2014, Yes It's True—Sonorous, by
Unbridled's Song
Bred by Frank Batten

CABOT

Champion allowance male
Gr./ro.c., 2016, Will Take Charge—
Mystic Mama by Scat Daddy
Bred by Nancy Shuford



Texas Wedge (g., 2015, Colonel John—Callmenancy, by Political Force) has found his groove after winning his second stakes in a row. The Nancy Shuford-bred earned a hard-fought victory to the World of Trouble Turf Sprint Stakes (an undercard race on Pegasus World Cup Day) at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25. Breaking fast and first, he was settled into a mid-pack racing position, was guided along patiently on the inside around the turn and, heading for home, he angled out, was put into a drive while gaining on the leaders and edged out his rival to win by a neck.

Rydell (g., 2013, Monba—Flip the Coin, by Mutakddim) got his first win of

Racing Recap

the year at Penn National Feb. 14 for breeder Michael Stone. This hard-knocking, solid chestnut gelding with 57 races under his belt crossed the wire first after going a mile in 1:41.98. After a troubled break and getting pinned between two horses entering the far turn, he captured the rail spot into the stretch, got clear and drew away for a 2¼-length victory.



Icecap (c., 2017, Carpe Diem—One Foxy Grey, by Big Brown) broke his maiden at Oaklawn Park Feb. 16, giving this Nancy Shuford-bred colt his first visit to the winner's circle. After a good break, the 3-year-old gray raced inside toward the rail while forwardly placed early. Late in the final turn he moved closer to

KEOTA

Champion claiming female
Gr./ro.f., 2015, Lonhro (Aus)—
Mystic Mama, by Scat Daddy
Bred by Nancy Shuford

FLAT OUT FLYING

Champion claiming male
Ch.g, 2016, Flat Out—She's a Tough Tiger,
by Tiger Ridge
Bred by Elizabeth H. Muirhead and
Frank Coniglio

BELLA AURORA

Champion partnership horse
Ch.f, 2017, Carpe Diem—Street Interest,
by Street Cry (Ire)
Owned by James Jones in partnership
with County Life Farm

PEPPY RAFAELA

Broodmare of the Year
B., 2009, Bernardini—Peppy Lapeau,
by French Deputy
Owned by Frank Batten
Dam of Mopotism



the lead while still running on the inside. When ready, he moved out, got through down the lane, cleared the pack and pulled away for 1¼-length win, finishing in 1:38.21 for the mile.

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Hitting the Board January 25—February 24

Date	Horse	Track	NCTA Connection	Result
25-Jan	Channing Road	Turfway Park	Bred by Dogwood Plantation - Sandy & Joanne Dew	2nd
25-Jan	Texas Wedge	Gulfstream Park - \$150,000 World of Trouble Sprint S.	Bred by Nancy Shuford	WINNER!
25-Jan	Keota	Gulfstream Park - \$150,000 Ladies' Turf Sprint S	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd
1-Feb	Let's Play Nine	Laurel Park	Owned by James Jones in a partnership	2nd
2-Feb	Flat Out Flying	Parx	Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio	2nd
6-Feb	And Seek	Gulfstream Park	Owned by Caroline Cooper in a partnership	3rd
7-Feb	Navy Armed Guard	Tampa Bay Downs	Owned by Frank Coniglio with partners	2nd
7-Feb	Allegheny Dbl lime	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd
7-Feb	Henry Standingbear	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd
7-Feb	Rydell	Penn National	Bred by Michael Stone	WINNER!
8-Feb	Cayenne Creek	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
14-Feb	Secretly Wicked	Turfway Park \$75,000 Cincinnati Trophy Stakes	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
16-Feb	Bank on Shea	Aqueduct - \$100,000 Gander Stakes	Owned by Dan & Christy Shea - Shea D Boy's Stables	2nd
16-Feb	Icecap	Oaklawn Park	Bred by Nancy Shuford	WINNER!
16-Feb	Shooters Shoot	Santa Anita	Bred by Nancy Shuford	2nd
17-Feb	Flat Out Flying	Parx Racing	Bred by Beth Muirhead & Frank Coniglio	3rd
19-Feb	Dionysus' Chalice	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	2nd
20-Feb	Channing Road	Turfway Park	Bred by Sandy & Joanne Dew - Dogwood Plantation	3rd
21-Feb	Nancy Littlebit	Camarero Race Track	Bred by Nancy Shuford	3rd
21-Feb	Allegheny Dbl lime	Charles Town	Bred & owned by Clint Lowry	3rd

CHANGE IN LOCATION AND FORMAT FOR 2020 OHIO THOROUGHBRED BREEDERS & OWNERS MIXED SALE

With a new committee in place, the OTBO is moving forward with plans for the Ohio Mixed Sale for 2020. In attendance at the inaugural meeting were OTBO President John Royer, Committee Chairman Daryl Duncan, Executive Director John Engelhardt, members Dr. Tod Beckett, Steven Chumney, Craig Powell and Dr. George Sikora.

According to Duncan, who operates Duncan Farms in Warsaw with his wife Sally, “Majestic Farm was a great facility and we greatly appreciated Jeff Jarvis’ generosity by letting us have our sales there. The only downside was that it was located in the southern tier of the state and some sellers and buyers said it was just too far to take part in. I believe we’ve taken a big step in addressing that concern by moving the location to the central part of the state at the Delaware County Fairgrounds—Coliseum and Barn Area.”

That facility, just north of Columbus, is widely recognized for hosting one of harness racing’s biggest events—the Little Brown Jug. When not in use during the fair season, they host numerous events, including a sales venue for different equine breeds.

The OTBO Auction will not conflict with any Kentucky sale and will be held Oct. 15, starting at 2:30 p.m. Horses will be able to ship in Oct. 14 for initial preview. The auction is open to 2-year-olds, yearlings, weanlings and broodmares. The sale is NOT exclusive to horses bred in Ohio.

Pricing varies for entry as all yearlings and 2-year-olds will need to be scoped. Veterinarians will be on-site and OTBO will pay for scoping with the increased



Sales Committee chairman Daryl Duncan

fee. The entry fee will also cover stall rent and two bags of shavings, which must be purchased through the Delaware County Agricultural Society.

Entry and Sale fees:

Yearlings and 2-year-old entry fee \$350—sale fee \$250.

Weanlings entry fee \$350—sale fee \$200.

Broodmare entry fee \$350—sale fee \$150.

There will be advertising opportunities through the catalogue and on-site, and the popular City Barbeque will provide concessions on the day of the sale.

“With a sale committee in place we are going to take a regional approach to increasing consignors,” Duncan said. “This will allow us the ability to do direct marketing and put a plan in place for scheduled regional farm visits. While a lot of details need to be addressed, we are looking at a way to secure funding for a future “Sales Graduate Race” or Bonus on existing stakes, which would only encourage participation and create added interest for breeders and buyers.”

As arrangements are solidified, we will be updating information on our website and through direct mailings.

NATIONAL FLAG’S FIRST TWO FOALS IN OHIO

WinBlaze LLC stallion National Flag, a Grade 3-winning son of Speightstown standing at Blazing Meadows Farm in Ohio, sired his first reported foals when a colt out of the Tale of the Cat mare Princess Adelyn was born at Smokin C Farm, and a colt produced from the Kitten’s Joy mare Elated was born at Blazing Meadows.

Steven Chumley bred the colt out of Princess Adelyn and intends to enter him as a weanling this year’s Ohio Mixed Sale

in October. “He looks great and was up next to his dam shortly after birth. At this stage he is strong and well-balanced and should grow to be a well-made individual. His dam’s first two foals were winners at 2. Combine that with the Speightstown bloodlines and you should get a pretty quick horse.”

Standing as the property of WinBlaze LLC, an alliance between WinStar Farm and Tim Hamm’s Blazing Meadows Farm, National Flag captured the 2018 Bay

Shore Stakes-G3 at Aqueduct. He won three of six starts and bankrolled \$240,450 racing for WinStar Farm, China Horse Club and SF Racing.

“We are excited to see the first foals by National Flag hit the ground, and his first foals share the same looks as their sire, who was a \$600,000 yearling,” said Sean Tugel, WinStar’s director of bloodstock services and assistant racing manger. “There is not a hotter sire line in America



than Speightstown. National Flag had a bright future ahead of him on the race-track before his premature retirement and he has a true stallion’s pedigree. He has the speed, the looks, and family to be a substantial stallion. Best of all he has had the early support, breeding 36 mares in 2019, more than any other stallion in Ohio. The future looks bright.”

Princess Adelyn and her Ohio-bred son (pictured at two days), from the first crop of National Flag.

Guttman Appointed to Ohio Race Fund Advisory Committee



Daniel J. Guttman, of Columbus, Ohio has been appointed by the Honorable Governor Mike DeWine to the Ohio Thoroughbred Race Fund (OSDF) Advisory Committee. Guttman, 48, will serve a term of three years. This is his second appointment to the OSDF. Guttman is a longtime Thoroughbred owner with a JD from The Ohio State University and a partner in the Columbus-based law firm of BakerHostetler LLP.

Guttman—a member of the Ohio Thoroughbred Breeders & Owners Association (OTBO)—has advised Thoroughbred syndicates on contracts, organizational matters and related activities. As well, he has owned horses racing in graded stakes and on the Breeders’ Cup un-

dercard at tracks such as Churchill Downs, Keeneland, Santa Anita, Del Mar, and Gulfstream.

Guttman’s professional experience includes providing counsel to municipalities, airport and regional transit authorities, counties and sheriff’s offices, townships, Councils of Government, personnel appeals boards of review, civil service commission and other public and quasi-public bodies.

Guttman is listed in *The Best Lawyers in America*® and in *Chambers USA: America’s Leading Lawyers for Business*®. He serves on The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law’s National Council of Advisors and on the Ohio Public Employer Labor Relations Association’s Statewide Legislative Committee, and was recipient of the Outstanding Managing Editor Award for his role as managing editor of The Ohio State Journal On Dispute Resolution.

Ohio-Based jockey Quinones wins 2020 George Woolf Award

Courtesy of: The BloodHorse Staff

America’s second-leading rider by races won in 2019, Puerto Rican native Luis M. Quinones, a mainstay in Ohio and West Virginia, has been selected by a nationwide vote of his peers as the winner of the prestigious 2020 George Woolf Memorial Jockey Award.



The Woolf Award, which can be won only once, recognizes riders whose careers and personal character garner esteem for the individual and the sport of Thoroughbred racing. The Woolf trophy is a replica of the life-sized statue of legendary Hall of Fame jockey George Woolf, which adorns Santa Anita Park’s paddock garden area. It has been presented annually by Santa Anita since 1950.

Quinones, 41, outpolled a group of five highly respected finalists in Tyler Baze, Javier Castellano, Chris Emigh and James Graham.

"It's a great honor just to be on the ballot for this award," Quinones said. "Winning the Woolf Award is incredible. I'm looking forward to coming out there and I know this is something I will never forget."

In winning the award, Quinones joins a fraternity that includes some of the greatest riders in the history of the sport. He follows last year's winner, Scott Stevens.

Riding predominantly at Hollywood Gaming at Mahoning Valley Race Course, Thistledown and Mountaineer Park, Quinones had a career-best year in 2019, as he won 314 races from 1,331 mounts, finishing second nationally by wins to Eclipse Champion Irad Ortiz Jr., who had 324 wins. His mounts earned more than \$3.6 million, also a new high for Quinones.

This year he is second in the standings at Mahoning Valley, trailing Jaime Rodriguez 34-31 in wins through March 14.

A married father of three daughters, Quinones, who is closing in on a milestone 2,000 career wins, has built a solid reputation that far exceeds his ability to win races.

The Woolf Award presentation in the Santa Anita winner's circle was originally set for late March.

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Spencer Kinkelaar: A face of the future

by Emily Shields

How much can one 20-year-old do to inject a bout of enthusiasm into racing in Pennsylvania?

Spencer Kinkelaar is on course to find out. The University of Pennsylvania student is a burgeoning racing guru, going from brand new fan to racehorse owner in six months. He is on course to bring a host of other young adults into the game, while furthering his own foray into ownership as well.

The day after he graduated high school, Kinkelaar went with his grandmother to a harness track in Ohio. "I knew nothing about horse racing," he said, "but I got into it on the gambling side. I met a man named Matt Kehoe of M J M Stable, and he taught me about claiming and how it works. Within six months I was the part owner of a Thoroughbred at Parx."

The jump into horses wasn't a complete surprise, although it took longer than it could have. Growing up, Kinkelaar was a neighbor of Greg Newell, the Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association Board President. "I wouldn't be who I am today without him and his family," Kinkelaar said. "His children used to babysit me. I hadn't talked to him for five years, but within two weeks of when I moved back to Pennsylvania for school, he

had a horse entered at Parx. That was my first time in the winner's circle, and at that point I knew I wanted to buy a horse. Now I have five."

The Finance major has owned pieces of several horses, including his favorite: Your Secret's Safe, by Tapizar. The 6-year-old gelding is a four-time winner in Pennsylvania.

"The only Pennsylvania-bred I've ever owned is Chapel of Chimes," Kinkelaar said. "It's hard to claim a good PA-bred, because people really go after them. But I love claiming those types because of the bonuses available. It's what I'm always looking for."

Chapel of Chimes was claimed for \$6,250 by M J M Stable and Pewter Stable out of a Sept. 25, 2019 race at Penn National. She then went up the ladder to an \$8,000 race Nov. 2 where she won under new trainer Kate DeMasi. Just two starts later she was claimed for \$4,000. Gritty and determined, Chapel of Chimes has won 18 of her 54 lifetime starts for earnings over \$345,000.

The best horse Kinkelaar has been a part of is Princess Latina, a six-time winner in 12 lifetime starts. The daughter of Adios Charlie was claimed by M J M Stable with Patrick Rourke June 14, 2019, after winning a sloppy sprint at Gulf-

stream Park by nearly 7 lengths. The ownership group paid \$6,250 for her; Princess Latina responded by earning \$43,000 for them on the track. She won three times before being claimed away for \$16,000 last October.

Outside of ownership, and the regular challenges that come with being a sophomore at a university, Kinkelaar's big project is starting up a racing partnership with fellow students. "It would be only for students at Penn," he said. "It's called the University of Pennsylvania Horse Racing Club, and it's in the process of registering. I'm hoping that our silks would have the school logo, or something emblematic of the school. I'd like to claim our first horse this year."

Parx Racing trainer Joe Taylor has agreed to train, and there are

partners interested that would ensure Kinkelaar doesn't have to foot the bill in full. "There's been tons of interest," he said. "Everyone is very curious. The industry does a terrible job of marketing to people under the age of 40, so I'm trying to spread the word to college-aged people that I can get you 1 percent of a claimer for \$30 a month with a \$50 startup cost. Hopefully they will get that money back."

Kinkelaar knows the horse racing game is doable if you have friends involved. "It's not terribly expensive if you have a couple of partners," he said. "I've got about 10 to 15 people already very interested, and once we get one horse in the winner's circle, that number should double or triple."

He noted that the audience is right, financially: "Many of the students here

have Ivy League backgrounds, so if there are any students with money, this is it. This is the audience you need."

The future looks bright for Kinkelaar, who jokes that he's "Not rich yet, so I'll stick to claimers for a few more years." He has five horses with trainers like DeMasi and the popular young Saffie Joseph Jr., but one day he would like to buy a broodmare and try the breeding industry.

"It is an incredibly challenging game," he said. "If my career in finance and investing kicks off, then I would absolutely love to have the money to buy a farm. Sure, there are a lot of nice farms in Kentucky, but I am from Pennsylvania and would love a Chester County horse farm. And a homebred stallion? That would be the dream."

A few words from the Executive Secretary

I would first like to thank the many legislators that have given us their total support since the Governor's budget address. They have said they will stand behind us and not allow this to happen. Keep in contact with your Senators and Representatives as we are winning this fight. Don't miss out on the best breeding program in the country. If you haven't sent your mares, don't delay. A maiden breeder award for PA-Sired horses is a whopping 50%, and 40% for all other races. Non PA-Sired awards are 25% and 20% respectively.

The new Stakes Schedule is available online and will be mailed to

the members soon, and can be picked up at the racetracks. The first two stakes races are April 25 at Parx. New this year is the \$100,000 Jump Start Stakes for PA-Sired PA-Breds, to be held during Pa Day at the Races on Saturday, August 1.

A couple of reminders:

Our annual awards banquet honoring the champions of 2019 will be held at the Mendenhall Inn on May 29. Look for your invitations this month. Invitations for PA Day at the Races will be mailed in June.

PA foals of 2020 have started to arrive! Send us your foal photos with lineage, foaling date and location to be included in the 2020 Foal Gallery on the website and be featured on our Facebook and Twitter accounts. Email photos and information to pabreeder@gmail.com.

As always, if you have any questions about our program or if you're interested in joining the Thoroughbred breeding industry in Pennsylvania, please call our office at 610.444.1050.





2020 Pennsylvania-Bred Stakes Schedule

PARX	Saturday April 25	\$100,000 Page McKenney Handicap 3 & up, 7 furlongs	\$100,000 Unique Bella Stakes 3 & up, fillies & mares, 7 furlongs
PENN NATIONAL	Saturday May 30	\$100,000 Danzig Stakes 3YO, 6 furlongs	\$100,000 New Start Stakes 3YO fillies, 6 furlongs
		\$100,000 Lyphard Stakes 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf	\$100,000 With Anticipation Stakes 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf
PARX	Saturday June 20	\$100,000 Crowd Pleaser Stakes 3YO, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf	\$100,000 Power by Far Stakes 3 & up, fillies & mares, 5 furlongs, turf
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS	Monday July 6	\$100,000 Hard Spun Stakes 3 & up, 1 mile	\$100,000 Princess of Sylmar Stakes 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 mile
PENNSYLVANIA'S DAY AT THE RACES	Saturday August 1 PARX	\$100,000 Banjo Picker Sprint Stakes 3 & up, 6 furlongs \$100,000 Mrs. Penny Stakes 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf \$100,000 Dr. Teresa Garofalo Memorial Stakes 3 & up, fillies & mares, 6 furlongs	\$100,000 Marshall Jenney Handicap 3 & up, 5 furlongs, turf \$100,000 Storm Cat Stakes 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles \$100,000 Jump Start Stakes PA-Sired, PA-Bred 3 & up, 7 furlongs
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS	Sunday August 30	\$100,000 Malvern Rose Stakes 3YO fillies, 1 mile	
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS	Monday September 14	\$100,000 Finest City Stakes 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs	
PARX	Saturday September 26	\$100,000 Alphabet Soup Handicap 3 & up, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles, turf	\$100,000 Plum Pretty Stakes 3 & up, fillies & mares, 1 $\frac{1}{16}$ miles
PRESQUE ISLE DOWNS	Monday September 28	\$100,000 Mark McDermott Stakes 2YO, 6 furlongs	
PENN NATIONAL	Wednesday November 25	\$100,000 Shamrock Rose Stakes 2YO fillies, 6 furlongs	
PARX	Saturday December 5	\$100,000 Pennsylvania Nursery Stakes 2YO, 7 furlongs	

PA-Bred Fund Statistics: Top Earners

January 1 through January 31, 2020

LEADING EARNERS - TOTAL AWARDS

Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total	Breeder Name	Breeder	Stallion	Total
Northview Stallion Station Inc.	0	33,541	33,541	Shirley A. Lojeski	11,151	0	11,151
Patricia L. Chapman	24,906	4,313	29,219	Sylmar Farm Inc.	11,039	0	11,039
Glenn E. Brok LLC	16,384	12,169	28,553	Cornerstone Thoroughbreds LLC	9,450	0	9,450
Richard N. Miller	21,674	3,780	25,454	Michael R. Cox	8,935	0	8,935
Donald L. Brown Jr.	19,482	4,871	24,353	R H Breeding LLC	8,528	0	8,528
Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	19,152	4,788	23,940	DDS Stables LLC	8,323	0	8,323
Robert C. Roffey Jr.	20,108	0	20,108	Menotti Lembo	8,304	0	8,304
Thomas G. McClay	19,628	0	19,628	Castle Rock Farm	8,204	0	8,204
William J. Solomon VMD	13,470	5,119	18,589	Robert M. Bouse	8,064	0	8,064
Roger Cettina	15,344	0	15,344	Barlar LLC	4,677	3,198	7,876
Wendy H. Mutnick	14,992	0	14,992	John McCaslin	7,778	0	7,778
Blackstone Farm LLC	14,034	0	14,034	Cavanaugh Breen Farm LLC	7,592	0	7,592

LEADING STALLIONS

Fund Money includes Stallion Awards only

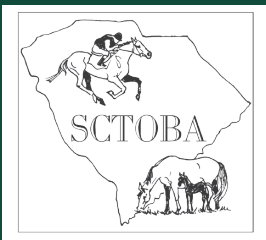
Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total	Stallion Name	Stallion Owner / Manager	No. of Races	Award Total
Jump Start	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	51	19,959	Reflect Times	Flint W. Stites	4	2,534
El Padrino	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	16	8,505	Weigelia	Wyn Oaks Farm LLC	25	2,499
Talent Search	Glenn E. Brok LLC	13	6,156	Medallist	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	6	2,268
Uptowncharlybrown	Uptowncharlybrown Stud LLC	6	5,039	Fairbanks	Northview Stallion Station Inc.	6	2,138
Petionville	Everest Stables Inc.	5	5,027	Partner's Hero	Peter Giangiulio	7	1,778
Mad Flatter	Glenn E. Brok LLC	11	5,002	Rimrod	George Strawbridge Jr.	3	1,754
Messner	Donald L. Brown Jr.	3	4,871	Silver Train	Henry R. Nothhaft	3	1,439
Smarty Jones	Patricia L. Chapman	16	4,313	Got the Last Laugh	Glenn E. Brok LLC	3	1,303
Toccet	Castleton Lyons Inc.	2	3,836	Wiseman's Ferry	Lainey Bug Stables LLC	2	1,288
Emperor Tiberius	Richard N. Miller	1	3,780	Any Given Saturday	William J. Solomon VMD	11	1,234
Albert the Great	William J. Solomon VMD	12	3,396	Well Spelled	Godstone Farm LP	9	1,005
E Dubai	Barlar LLC	5	3,198	Il Villano	Chuck Russo	4	930

LEADING HORSES

Fund Money includes: PA-Bred Races, Breeder and Stallion Awards and PA-Bred Owner-Bonus Payments

Horse	Pedigree	Breeder	Races	Restricted	Stakes	Breeder Award	Stallion Award	Owner Bonus	Total
Graves Island *	Petionville - Sherrie Belle	Robert C. Roffey Jr.	3	0	0	20,108	5,027	9,220	34,355
E T's Gypsy Woman *	Emperor Tiberius - Deona	Richard N. Miller	1	0	0	18,900	3,780	10,800	33,480
Mess'n Around *	Messner - She Is a Lioness	Donald L. Brown Jr.	1	0	0	16,464	4,116	11,760	32,340
Wait for It *	Uptowncharlybrown - Kimberley Diamond	Fantasy Lane Stable Inc.	1	0	0	16,464	4,116	11,760	32,340
Sunday Inn *	El Padrino - Dynamist	Patricia L. Chapman	1	0	0	15,456	3,864	11,040	30,360
Red Razzo *	Toccet - High Iron Lass	Roger Cettina	2	0	0	15,344	3,836	3,760	22,940
Peach Alley *	Jump Start - How Bout Tonight	Thomas G. McClay	2	0	0	11,564	2,891	8,260	22,715
Final Shot *	Talent Search - Last Shot	Wendy H. Mutnick	2	0	0	14,992	3,748	3,680	22,420
Dreams Untold	Smarty Jones - Shootforthestars	Patricia L. Chapman	1	0	0	9,450	0	10,800	20,250
Guatavita	Lemon Drop Kid - Scoop of Gold	Cornerstone Thoroughbreds LLC	1	0	0	9,450	0	10,800	20,250
Diagonal *	Rimrod - Pass the Salt	R H Breeding LLC	2	0	0	8,528	1,754	4,320	14,602
Abuela Loca *	Mad Flatter - Graemy	Glenn E. Brok LLC	1	0	0	7,224	1,806	5,160	14,190
Ying Yue *	Jump Start - Calamity Girl	DDS Stables LLC	1	0	0	8,323	2,081	3,468	13,872
Glowing Star *	Mad Flatter - Glowing Rate	Menotti Lembo	1	0	0	6,888	1,722	4,920	13,530
Jones Taxi *	Smarty Jones - Essa Brilha	Stacy McMullin Machiz	1	0	0	6,888	1,722	4,920	13,530
Celesse	Line of David - Cherokee Moonlight	Horseshoe Valley Equine Center LLC	1	0	0	5,544	0	7,920	13,464
Patty's Boy *	Reflect Times - Run Patty Run	Robert M. Bouse	1	0	0	8,064	2,016	3,360	13,440
Masons Turn	Despite the Odds - Savage Beauty	Sylmar Farm Inc.	2	0	0	5,040	0	7,200	12,240
Color Force *	Albert the Great - Contemptuous	William J. Solomon VMD	2	0	0	7,358	1,627	2,712	11,698
Admiral Abe	Midshipman - Precious Penny	James Walker	1	0	0	4,704	0	6,720	11,424
Dr Zrada *	El Padrino - Vagabond Lass	John McCaslin	1	0	0	6,300	1,260	3,600	11,160
Dreamer's Moon	Alternation - Dream Realized	Blackstone Farm LLC	2	0	0	4,536	0	6,480	11,016
Tiz a Date	Tizway - Suzy's Mandate	Fox Tale	2	0	0	4,528	0	6,468	10,996
Cat Giumarello	Successful Appeal - Passionate Dancer	Andrew Simoff	1	0	0	4,368	0	6,240	10,608

*Denotes PA-sired



South Carolina

Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders Association

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2020

Racing Across the Nation

Seven horses that graduated from South Carolina farms and training centers crossed the finish line first in stakes run between Jan. 25 and Feb. 15.

Mucho Gusto, a graduate of Kip Elser's Kirkwood Stables, checked in first in the prestigious Pegasus World Cup-G1 at Gulfstream Park Jan. 25. This race had a \$3-million purse and all horses ran with no race day medication. Going off as second choice, Mucho Gusto was fourth, within 2 lengths of the lead, after the opening half mile. He took command at the top of the stretch and powered his way home to a 4½-length victory over a star-studded field.

On the same day, Unbridled Class broke on top and never looked back in the Nelson J. Menard Memorial Stakes at Fair Grounds. This mare came up under Franklin "Goree" Smith's program at the Ellore Training Center. Although going off at 26-1, Unbridled Class ran like a favorite, immediately taking command and winning as she pleased by 2¾ lengths.

Dot Matrix captured his 10th career win in the John B. Connally Turf Cup Stakes-G3 Jan. 26 at Sam Houston. The 7-year-old gelding matriculated through Travis Durr's breaking program at the Webb Carroll Training Center. Dot Matrix laid off the leader's flank before gaining the lead in the second turn. In a hard-fought battle to the wire, he proved best by three-quarters of a length.

Admiralty Pier, also a graduate of the Webb Carroll Training Center, gained the lead early, lost it travelling down the backside before taking over again at the top of the stretch in the Tampa Bay Stakes-G3 Feb. 8. While in tight between horses, Admiralty Pier would not be denied, winning by a nose in the final stride.

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John Phillips highlights SCTOBA Banquet

The annual SCTOBA banquet was held Feb. 8 at the National Steeplechase Museum in Camden. We were honored to have John Phillips, owner of Darby Dan Farm and the President of the Thoroughbred Aftercare Alliance, as our guest speaker. His talk about memories and the importance of aftercare for our racetrack athletes was entertaining and informative. Having John and his wife Beth there made the evening special.

We wish to thank Jack Brantley, Linda Fenters and the Aberdeen Catering crew for a delicious meal. Thanks also goes to SCTOBA member Rich Scelfo for providing the wine. Toby Edwards and Lori Arledge deserve thanks for making the Museum available for our use. Thanks to Barry Bornstein for providing pictures. Kip Elser always plays a large role in the evening's success. Without Libbie Johnson's tireless efforts behind the scenes, we would not be able to pull this event off.

Older Mare of the Year Lonely Drifter

Breeder: Franklin "Goree" Smith
Owner: Leonard Mattingly

Older Male Horse of the Year Dizzy Gillespie

Breeder: Bailey Bolen
Owner: Walder Racing

Three-Year-Old Filly of the Year Sweet Home Dixie

Owner/Breeder: Franklin "Goree" Smith

Three-Year-Old Colt/Gelding of the Year Dixie Drawl

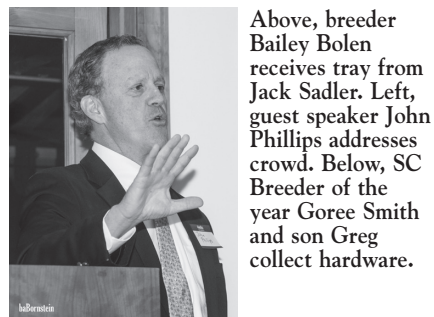
Breeder: Franklin "Goree" Smith
Owner: Mopo Racing

Two-Year-Old of the Year Walk Away Joe

Owner/Breeder: Franklin "Goree" Smith

SC Breeder of the Year

Franklin "Goree" Smith



Above, breeder Bailey Bolen receives tray from Jack Sadler. Left, guest speaker John Phillips addresses crowd. Below, SC Breeder of the year Goree Smith and son Greg collect hardware.



Racing Across the Nation

continued

Montauk Traffic broke his maiden in late December at Aqueduct and came back Feb. 8 to capture the Jimmy Winkfield Stakes over the same track. This colt learned his early lessons under the care of Brad Stauffer and Ron Stevens in Aiken. Last after a half mile, Montauk Traffic put in a furious rally to reach the wire 1½ lengths in front.

Killybegs Captain won the Pelican Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs for the second year in a row Feb. 15. Involved in some bumping coming out of the gate, he quickly gained the lead, steadily increasing his advantage into the stretch. Under a hand ride in the closing stages, Killybegs Captain crossed the finish line 2¾ lengths in front. He came up under the watchful eye of Cary Frommer in Aiken.

Firenze Fire added the General George Stakes-G3, run Feb. 15 at Laurel

Park, to his list of stakes victories—he now has nine.

Firenze Fire was the heavy favorite and deservedly so. Always prominent, he showed his superiority in the stretch while five-wide, taking command and coasting home a 4-length winner. This 5-year-old—a Grade 1 winner at 2 and winner of five graded stakes overall—has career earnings of \$1,841,750. He was prepared for his racing career at Travis Durr's Webb Carroll Training Center.

SOUTH CAROLINA-TRAINED WINNERS

Horse	Training Center	Date	Track	Type of Race
Dreamer's Moon	Rentz Farm	2/17/20	Parx Racing	Allowance
D C Fireman	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/16/20	Laurel Park	Starter allowance
Attachment Rate	Ellore Training Center	2/15/20	Gulfstream Park	Maiden special weight
FIRENZE FIRE	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/15/20	Laurel Park	General George S-G3
KILLYBEGS CAPTAIN	Aiken - Cary Frommer	2/15/20	Tampa Bay Downs	Pelican S
Am Impazible	Ellore Training Center	2/14/20	Aqueduct	Allowance
Grace Elizabeth	Shuler Stables	2/13/20	Charles Town	Allowance
Ballagh Rocks	Ellore Training Center	2/12/20	Gulfstream Park	Allowance
Gravel Road	Rentz Farm	2/12/20	Penn National	Allowance
Kaiju	Rentz Farm	2/12/20	Penn National	Allowance
Long Blade	Ellore Training Center	2/12/20	Tampa Bay Downs	Claiming
Enduring Love	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/11/20	Mahoning Valley	Maiden special weight
One Two Three Go	Aiken - Cary Frommer	2/9/20	Laurel Park	Starter allowance
ADMIRALTY PIER	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/8/20	Tampa Bay Downs	Tampa Bay S-G3
MONTAUK TRAFFIC	Aiken - Legacy Stable	2/8/20	Aqueduct	Jimmy Winkfield S
Riverboat Gambler	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/8/20	Turfway Park	Allowance
With Verve	Rentz Farm	2/8/20	Gulfstream Park	Allowance
Jus Lively	Kirkwood Stables	2/7/20	Fair Grounds	Allowance
Alphadora	Ellore Training Center	2/6/20	Aqueduct	Maiden special weight
Muad'dib	Shuler Stables	2/5/20	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Promised Storm	Rentz Farm	2/3/20	Parx Racing	Allowance
V. I. P. Code	Ellore Training Center	2/3/20	Parx Racing	Starter allowance
Getridofwhataileu	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	2/2/20	Oaklawn Park	Allowance
Awillaway	Webb Carroll Training Center	2/1/20	Aqueduct	Allowance
Bye Bye Bertie	Ellore Training Center	2/1/20	Laurel Park	Allowance
Posit	Aiken - Cary Frommer	2/1/20	Santa Anita Park	Optional claiming
Zippy Jo	Rentz Farm	1/30/20	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
DOT MATRIX	Webb Carroll Training Center	1/26/20	Sam Houston	John B. Connally Turf-G3
Gray Hope	Ellore Training Center	1/26/20	Sam Houston	Allowance
One Last Trial	Custom Care - Donna Freyer	1/26/20	Laurel Park	Maiden special weight
Aife	Ellore Training Center	1/25/20	Fair Grounds	Allowance
Barnstorm	Shuler Stables	1/25/20	Charles Town	Maiden special weight
Mad Munnys	Ellore Training Center	1/25/20	Aqueduct	Starter allowance
MUCHO GUSTO	Kirkwood Stables	1/25/20	Gulfstream Park	Pegasus World Cup-G1
UNBRIDLED CLASS	Ellore Training Center	1/25/20	Fair Grounds	Nelson J. Menard Memorial S
Villainous	Webb Carroll Training Center	1/24/20	Oaklawn Park	Maiden special weight
Runforthemunnings	Webb Carroll Training Center	1/21/20	Parx Racing	Allowance
Dr. Shane	Webb Carroll Training Center	1/20/20	Gulfstream Park	Allowance



VIRGINIA

Stakes Schedule Announced For Colonial Downs 2020 Summer Meet; Includes New Handicap Series To Benefit Virginia-Certified Horses

Dates for the second annual thoroughbred racing season under ownership of the Colonial Downs Group are set for 2020. An 18 day campaign set over a six week period will run every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from July 23 - August 29. Post time has been moved back 30 minutes from last year, to 5:30 PM (EDT). An average of \$500,000 in purse monies will be distributed daily.

Virginia Derby Day will again highlight the 2020 stakes schedule. The 18th running of the \$250,000 Grade 3 turf stakes for three-year-olds will close out the meet on Saturday August 29. A trio of under card stakes will all return --- the \$150,000 Virginia Oaks (3 YO fillies), \$100,000 Rosie's Stakes (2 YO, 5.5F) and \$100,000 Kitten's Joy Stakes (2 YO, 1 1/16th miles). 2019 Rosie's winner Four Wheel Drive went on to win the Breeders' Cup Juvenile Turf Sprint, Derby winner English Bee prevailed in the Parx Fall Derby, and Kitten's Joy winner Doc Boy won the Columbia Stakes at Tampa Bay Downs March 7.

Colonial Downs has been added to the Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred Championship (MATCH) Series lineup this summer in an event that will create another high impact day. Seven participating tracks in the series will take turns hosting a slate of five stakes monthly between April and October. The five pack of \$100,000 stakes at Colonial, scheduled for August 15, includes the Victory Gallop, Chesapeake and Seeking The Pearl --- which will all be on dirt --- and the Da Hoss and Old Nelson which will be on grass. In all, 35 MATCH Series stakes will be held in 2020 with \$3.75 million in purses on the line.

Virginia-bred/sired horses will once again be showcased on two separate evening programs --- opening night (July 23) and on the Friday of closing weekend (August 28). A four pack of \$100,000 stakes will be run at each event. The Camptown, Nellie Mae Cox, Meadow Stable and Edward P. Evans Stakes will populate the season opener's schedule and the Tyson Gilpin, Brookmeade, Bert Allen and Punch Line Stakes will help kick off Virginia Derby weekend.

The \$100,000 Jamestown Stakes, a 5.5 furlong turf sprint for Virginia-bred/sired two-year-old colts and fillies, will complete the nine event state-bred slate on August 1.

In addition to stakes competitors, graduates of the VTA's Certified Residency program will have additional money earning opportunities at New Kent this summer. In the program format, any horse that was conceived and foaled outside of Virginia and spent a minimum six month stay at a Virginia-Certified farm or training center before December 31 of its two-year-old year currently receives an extra 25% bonus when it wins a race in the Mid-Atlantic region.

Come mid-July, the number of Certified horses racing will be near 1,700. In an effort to help lure some of those graduates back to the State where they spent time being raised, VTA Executive Director Debbie Easter, HBPA Executive Director Frank Petramalo, Colonial VP of Racing Jill Byrne and Racing Secretary Allison De Luca recently introduced a slate of twelve restricted handicap races.

The restricted races are open to Virginia-Bred, Sired and Certified horses and will be held on both dirt and turf. When nominations are received, the Racing Secretary will handicap the entrants and assign weights. Restricted races

go with seven horses versus Virginia-Bred/Sired ones which go with six.

"We wrote these races with the Certified horse owners in mind," said Easter. "Since so many horses spent at least six months at our Virginia farms and training centers and have become eligible for the Residency bonus, it only made sense to offer these opportunities at Virginia's only pari-mutuel thoroughbred track."

Six different \$60,000 Restricted Handicaps will be carded on the weekend of July 24-25: The Miss Oceana, William M. Backer, Quarter Path Road, Van Clief, Hansel and White Oak Farm Handicaps. Four more, with a purse of \$75,000 each, will be run the weekend of August 20-22: The Andy Guest, Newstead, Bailes and Rokeby Handicaps. Another pair at \$75,000 will be included on closing weekend: The Hickory Tree and Keswick Stables Handicaps.

A complete stakes schedule can be found at www.vabred.org and www.colonialdowns.com.



Georgie Hyphen captures the Open Flat race March 7 at the Rappahannock Hunt Point-To-Point. Photo courtesy of Douglas Lees.



Ferdinanda wins the 2019 Brookmeade Stakes at Colonial Cowns. Photo courtesy of Coady Photography.

Point-To-Point, Sanctioned Steeplechase Meets On Virginia's Spring Calendar

Virginia's spring series of Point-to-Point meets kicked off in early March with the Rappahannock and Warrenton Hunts. The single day meets will continue every weekend through April with the Piedmont, Orange County and Old Dominion Hounds, followed by the Loudoun, Blue Ridge and Middleburg Hunts. A complete schedule with all details is at www.centralentryoffice.com.

In order to help stimulate entries, the Virginia Equine Alliance (VEA) is implementing a Starter Rewards program called "Point-To-Points Pay". Every time a Virginia-owned or Virginia-trained horse makes a start in any Point-to-Point race, the owner will receive a \$200 starter reward bonus. In 2019, a total of \$31,800 in rewards were paid out from 159 Virginia horses that participated in seven scheduled spring meets.

Three upcoming sanctioned steeplechase meets dot the Commonwealth's racing calendar, all on consecutive Saturdays. The Spring Races at Middleburg's Glenwood Park are slated for April 18 followed by the Foxfield Races in Albemarle County near Charlottesville April 25. On May 2, the Virginia Gold Cup Races return to Great Meadow in The Plains. Wagering on the Kentucky Derby is available at the Gold Cup that afternoon. Details on all events are at www.virginiahorseracing.com.

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Mean Bean: Delivering the Mail

By Jeff Gilleas

In an era where horses are retired before reaching cumulative maturity—and precociousness is disproportionately rewarded—one elder West Virginia bred has defied the odds and is performing at career best levels.

Under the watchful eye of owner/trainer Glenn Harrison, 8-year-old Mean Bean illustrates that an old warrior does not have to give up what he loves, if he discovers a human connection to reinvent himself.

The son of Garnered and the Distinctive Pro mare Distinctly Spring, bred by Jessica Loy, has spent his entire 38-race career in West Virginia, save for his debut effort.

The backbone of the modest three-horse string in Harrison's care, Mean Bean has cultivated a local following, particularly among the AARP crowd.

"I have been a United States Postal worker for the past 14 years," said Harrison, "and while on my mail route, shopping at Walmart or dining in town, I am known as the man who owns and trains Mean Bean. His competitiveness and longevity have



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earned him a fan club in Charles Town."

Glenn left horse racing around 2006 when he realized the game had mutated, due to purse enhancements from slot machines, thus limiting his owners' ability to survive against bigger outfits.

"I loved the horse business, yet the pressure to compete versus large-scale trainers with unlimited funds and their ability to drop down superior talent motivated me to seek a more stable financial environment for my family," he said.

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While on the sidelines, Glenn could not get the temptation and allure of horse racing out of his mind.

Chronic pressure from an old friend eventually convinced him to come out of retirement and buy a half-interest in a studdish bay yearling named Mean Bean.

Glenn doesn't necessarily subscribe to any specific school of thought on training, but insists on not rushing young horses.

This conservative plan of attack prompted him and his partner to opt for a late start breaking and bringing their humble investment to the racetrack.

"This time I approached the game as more of a hobby," said Glenn. "Mean Bean was such a good feeling spirit that immediately I was thrust into the role of hot walker by desertion. I would come to the track prior to work in the morning and return after my job in the afternoon."

Mean Bean's first four races were sub-par efforts, coaxing Glenn to insist on gelding the temperamental individual.

During this period the partnership amicably dissolved, leaving Glenn sole owner and exclusive caretaker.

"As soon as the gelding process took full effect, Mean Bean became more focused and easier to handle around the barn," said Glenn.

The transformation has been miraculous. Since physically altering the barn rascal, he has become a model of consistency and virtual cash cow.

In his 34 starts since, the warhorse has 10 firsts, 12 seconds and six thirds, earning approximately \$250,000.

Glenn and his wife insist on limiting the number of races for Mean Bean and work together as a team to keep the family gem happy.

"This horse is my wife's pet, so much that if it was possible to construct a stall in our home he would have his own man cave."

At the end of last year Glenn thought maybe Bean was showing signs of aging, forcing that dreaded talk with his wife about retiring him from competition.

However, this year has seen the ageless one come out firing on all cylinders, defeating more fashionably bred and younger rivals.

Glenn calls Mean Bean a miracle and the ultimate "poor man's horse".

"When he can no longer perform against top flight company we will retire the old boy. Claiming is not a word in our vocabulary."

At the barn Glenn leans on his right hand man Anthony (Pinky) Pinkett to ensure Mean Bean is always bedded down comfortably and receives personalized attention.

His initial start this year was in the Mint Mission Overnight Stakes, where under jockey Jason Simpson he sat off a torrid pace before finishing relentlessly to seize the first-place prize.

Fans in attendance were greeted to a whopping \$93 mutuel ticket for their two-dollar investment.

The classy Clubman (6-5 favorite) and formidable Dial Operator (2-1) did not fire their best efforts and

could only watch as Mean Bean swept to victory.

Approximately five weeks after his stunning 2020 statement win Mean Bean returned in a tough West Virginia-Bred allowance contest and once again benefited from a suicidal pace duel.

Though he broke in a tangle, the big-hearted gelding powered by rivals late, including the pugnacious runner-up North Atlantic, while finishing beyond the crown of the racetrack.

Supporters inferred that he just wanted to be closer to the track photographer to get his picture taken.

"Mean Bean's best race is as a stalker," said Glenn. "He loves something to run at. Though he is getting older, he still likes to train and enjoys relaxing at the barn sandwiched between my two fillies, Di Colas Cowgirl and Morningafterblues. He's a true character and always has that inquisitive look on his face, as if trying to analyze you."

In a perfect world Glenn and his wife would like to retire to Texas, where their daughter is in her second year of law school.

"I could see myself with a couple of horses testing the Lone Star, Sam Houston and Retama Park circuit."

For now, the words, neither rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds, effectively describes both Glenn Harrison and Mean Bean.

NOTES TO MEMBERS

- ◆ **The 10-10-10 program** is now called the **Supplemental Purse Award Claim**, for which there are new forms. All claims must be submitted to the WV Racing Commission within 15 days from the date the purse is awarded. Claim forms are available on the WV Racing Commission website, racing.wv.gov.
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NSA season kicks into high gear with two anniversary race meets

April is the busiest month on the National Steeplechase Association calendar, with doubleheaders on April 11 and 18 and the traditional tripleheader on April 25.

Two race meets, Middleburg Spring and the Queen's Cup, will be celebrating notable anniversaries. Middleburg Spring will mark its centenary on Saturday, April 18, and the Queen's Cup in greater Charlotte will celebrate its silver anniversary on the following Saturday.

Kicking off the April action on April 11 will be the first leg of the Maryland Timber Triple Crown, the 110th sanctioned running of the My Lady's Manor, and the Tyron Block House Races at Green Creek Race Course in Columbus, N.C.

The My Lady's Manor meet in Monkton will offer purses totaling \$100,000, with a boost from a Maryland Sports Authority grant. The \$50,000 My Lady's Manor at three miles will highlight the program. Like all the Maryland timber triple crown race meets, the My Lady's Manor races are limited to amateur jockeys.

The 74th Tryon Block House races in fast-growing western North Carolina will feature the \$35,000 Tryon Block House allowance hurdle. On a card offering \$135,000 in purses, Tryon also will offer a \$30,000 maiden hurdle and a \$30,000 ratings handicap hurdle.

The Maryland timber triple continues the following weekend with the 118th running of the \$50,000 Grand National at 3 1/4 miles in Butler. The program also features the Benjamin H. Murray timber allowance and the Western Run Plate for amateur apprentice jockeys.

The 100th Middleburg Spring Races at Glenwood Park will mark its centennial by raising the purse of the Temple Gwathmey



Riverdee Stable's Gibralfaro won the 2019 Queen's Cup MPC 'Chase and went on to win a Grade 2 stakes race later in the year.

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Handicap (Gr. 2) to \$100,000. On a program offering \$245,000 in purses, the Virginia meet also will feature the \$30,000 Middleburg Hunt Cup and the \$30,000 Alfred M. Hunt Steeplethon Stakes over mixed obstacles.

The final Saturday in April is always the busiest on the NSA schedule each year. The 134th edition of the Maryland Hunt Cup on April 25 will offer a \$100,000 purse and a new trophy after owner Skip Crawford retired the previous trophy with Senior Senator's third victory in the four-mile classic last year.

The Queen's Cup Silver Jubilee will mark 25 years of the steadily growing meet at

Brooklandwood Race Course. Now the richest meet on the NSA's Carolinas circuit, the Queen's Cup will offer \$190,000 in purses.

Highlighting the program will be the \$75,000 Queen's Cup MPC 'Chase for novices, or horses in their first seasons of competing over fences. Also on the April 25 program are a \$35,000 ratings handicap hurdle, a \$30,000 maiden hurdle, and the \$30,000 EasyFix Steeplethon Stakes over mixed obstacles.

Rounding out the April action will be the 43rd Foxfield Spring Races in Charlottesville, Va. Its feature race will be the \$25,000 Daniel Van Clief Memorial, a ratings handicap hurdle.



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New organization to run Foxfield; open-space easement is sought

The wishes of the founder of Foxfield, Mariann Tejeda, are continuing to be fulfilled. In her will, Mrs. Tejeda requested the "perpetuation of the Foxfield Races in Albemarle County for the recreation, education, and enjoyment of the people of Albemarle County and their friends and visitors and of Virginia who appreciate the equestrian sports, competition, and related activities."

To this wish, the Foxfield Racing Association is pleased to announce that an agreement has been reached to ensure the future of the Foxfield Races. Beginning June 1, 2020, the management and oversight of the Foxfield Races will be transitioned to the newly formed Foxfield Racing LLC.

Under the guidance of Dr. Reynolds Cowles and fellow members, Foxfield Racing LLC will continue under two five-year leases to run the spring and fall race meets, which are sanctioned by the National Steeplechase Association.

Thomas J. Dick, who was appointed to the Foxfield Racing Association board as vice president in 2014, began to oversee the operations of Foxfield Racing Association and succeeded his brother Ben in 2015 as chairman and president.

Over the past year and a half, Tom Dick in cooperation with Dr. Cowles developed a new governance structure going forward under local leadership. Dr. Cowles, a past president of the American Association of Equine Practitioners, is a former NSA board member and currently chairs the NSA's Safety Committee.

The Foxfield Racing Association's Mr. Dick has developed a plan to place the historic 178-



Foxfield Racecourse, shown in an aerial view, will be placed in a conservation easement and preserved for perpetuity under an application to the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation.

acre venue into an open-space easement and is working closely with Virginia's Department of Conservation and Recreation in Richmond and the local Albemarle Conservation Easement Authority (ACEA).

Chaired by county resident Jay Fennell, the ACEA has approved the easement application, and all final documents have been forwarded to the Department of Conservation and Recreation for final review of the easement. The property will be protected from future development in perpetuity. Under this easement, a long list of beneficial public activities will be permitted, such as

the Women's 4-Miler and other charitable fundraisers.

The Marian Tejeda Foxfield Memorial Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, will be established to support equine activities and organizations specializing in supporting children with special needs.

The 43rd annual Foxfield Spring Races will be held on Saturday, April 25. The Foxfield Racing Association and Foxfield Racing LLC are committed to continuing the steeplechase tradition and maintaining the open-space easement.

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In Memoriam

DEAN GAUDET

Retired trainer Dean Gaudet died Feb. 2 at her home in Woodbine, Md. She was 90.

The Alabama native was an avid horse and animal lover since the first time her grandfather, Joseph Powell, sat her on the back of a mule and taught her to ride at an early age. Her love of horses led her to learn trick riding and later to train and race Thoroughbreds.

She was the longtime trainer for Israel "Izzy" Cohen, who built the Giant Food company into the largest regional grocery store chain in the nation. She sent out her first stakes winner for the Beelu Farm stable of Cohen, his brother Emanuel and sister Lillian C. Solomon in 1974 when Noble of Course, a 2-year-old colt she claimed six months earlier as a first-time starter at Delaware, won Laurel Park's Senatorial Stakes in December.

According to Equibase statistics from 1976-'96, Gaudet won 334 races (for purse earnings of in excess of \$5.4 million). The stable campaigned by Cohen/Beelu and trained by Gaudet was stocked with numerous six-figure juvenile purchases, including Mighty Appealing (\$435,985, 1984 Remsen S-G1, Laurel Futurity-G1, etc.) and Montbrook, winner of the 1993 Frank J. De Francis Memorial Dash-G3 and three other stakes from eight starts,

and later the sire of champion sprinter Big Drama.

Other top runners sent out by Gaudet were Mixed Appeal (\$622,670, 1994 Barbara Fritchie H-G2), a daughter of Mighty Appealing, and graded stakes winner Speakerphone, a 1992 Preakness starter for Gaudet. She was one of two women trainers to start a runner in that year's Preakness (the other was Shelley Riley); only three women had trained a Preakness runner in the years prior.

When Cohen died in November 1995, the stable—which included future graded stakes-winning sprinter and good sire Forest Wildcat—was dispersed.

Gaudet saddled her last starter, Mighty Rhythm (a son of Mighty Appealing), in March 1996. Once married to longtime Maryland trainer Eddie Gaudet, she retired from training to care for her mother, who had Alzheimer's for several years. She also succumbed to the disease.

JOHN F. WAYNE

New Jersey resident and longtime regional and national racing official John Wayne died in Albuquerque, N.M., Feb. 26. He was 65. At the time of his passing, at the annual conference of the Organization of Racing Investigators, Wayne was the executive director of the Delaware Thor-

oughbred Racing Commission (a post he took in 1999 when the Thoroughbred and harness commissions were linked as one).

Wayne grew up around racing and learned the game from his stepfather Cliff McCartney, who worked for New York Racing Association for 50 years.

From 1970-'76, Wayne worked part-time for NYRA and was then hired as a Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau detective in 1976, and worked at Santa Anita, Churchill Downs, Del Mar, Keeneland and other tracks. After 14 years with the TRPB, Wayne spent nine years (1990-'99) as assistant general manager and director of operations at Atlantic City Race Course in New Jersey. In 1999, he was appointed executive director of the Thoroughbred Racing and Harness Racing Commissions for the State of Delaware by Gov. Tom Carper. When the commissions split, he remained executive director of Thoroughbred racing until his death.

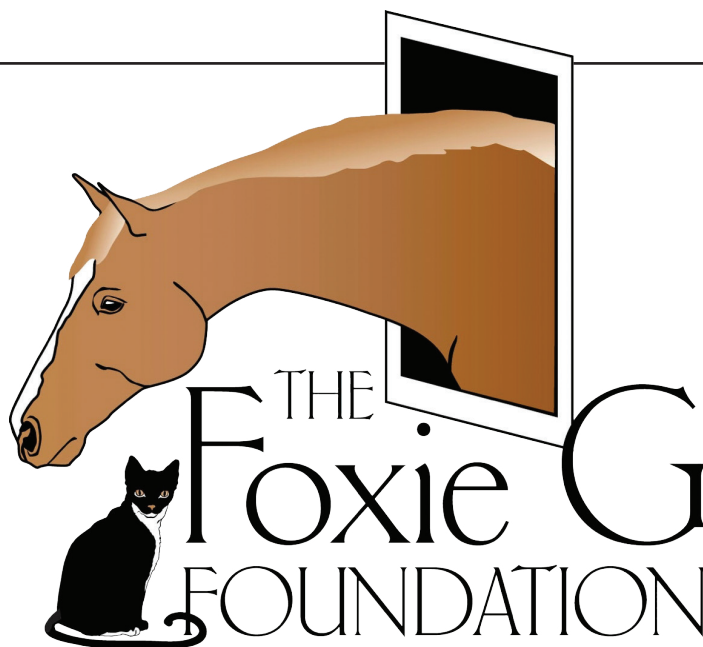
Wayne received accolades from FBI director William Webster for assisting in the conviction of seven persons in a federal racketeering case and in 2003 was the Len Foote Award winner from the Association of Racing Commissioners International.

His hobbies included photography, gardening, and a special bird feeding sanctuary in his backyard.

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Looking Back



10 years ago

■ West Point Thoroughbreds, founded by Philadelphia native and U.S. Military Academy graduate Terry Finley and based in Mount Laurel, N.J., was the largest Thoroughbred racing partnership firm in the Mid-Atlantic and ranked among the nation's major auction buyers. West Point had 90 horses in training, 440 clients and a dozen full-time employees staffing divisions in New York, Kentucky and

California. "We are fully subscribed to the theory that people don't *need* a racehorse in their portfolio," said Finley. "So one is, we've got to offer them value. And two is, we've got to make sure they have as good an experience as possible."

■ Monmouth Park sliced its live racing days in half for 2010, with purses for the 50-day schedule averaging \$1 million a day—by far the highest daily purses in the country. Thoroughbred racing at Meadowlands was canceled for the year.

■ William Harris' homebred Sweet Goodbye captured her first graded stakes in the Barbara Fritchie Handicap-G2 at Laurel Park, winning the 7-furlong test by a head in 1:21.81. The daughter of Louis Quatorze and the final foal from outstanding producer Thirty Eight Steps was the 2008 champion 3-year-old Maryland-bred filly. Her trainer Chris Grove, also saddled Greenspring, who dominated the General George Handicap-G2 on the same card.

■ The region lost two prominent breeders in Herman Greenberg and Dr. Philip Torsney. Greenberg, 89, proprietor of Rutledge Farm near Middleburg, Va., bred 1993 Belmont Stakes-G1 winner and millionaire Colonial Affair, top steeplechaser Sur La Tete, and millionaire Researcher.

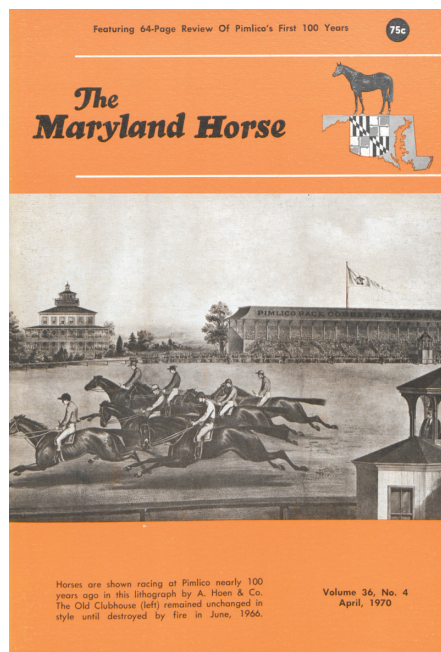
Torsney, 77, a Red Bank, N.J., physician, campaigned top handicap horse

Horatius, whom he'd purchased unseen as a yearling from an advertisement in *The BloodHorse*. Horatius became a major sire in the region, making his mark as the sire of Hall of Famer Safely Kept. Torsney also campaigned top sprinter My Frenchman and homebred stakes-winning half-siblings Gotaghostofachance, New Jersey-bred champion I'mtoogoodtobetruer and Anofficerandalady.

■ Russell Road was named 2009 West Virginia-bred Horse of the Year and champion 3-year-old male, following a whirlwind season of seven stakes wins, highlighted by the \$500,000 West Virginia Breeders Classic. Bred by Robert Lloyd, the son of Wheaton owned by Mark Russell and trained by James W. Casey won seven of nine starts, was third once and earned \$476,295.

■ The top Mid-Atlantic-bred sold in 2009 was a yearling colt by Bernardini out of the Storm Cat mare Storm Beauty, purchased for \$1.2 million by John Ferguson. The colt was bred in Pennsylvania by Brushwood Stable.

Later named Buffum, he won the Bold Ruler Handicap-G3 at 4 and entered stud at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md., where he stood from 2014-19. He sired stakes winners Clever Mind and Buff's Eye View in his first crop.



50 years ago

■ A 100-year history of Pimlico was compiled for *The Maryland Horse* by writer Dale Austin, who dug through archives and worked "with the written accounts of reporters long dead." The result was nearly 60 pages of editorial, photographs, and congratulatory ads.

"No greater sporting spectacle had ever hit Baltimore when on October 25, 1870, many of the finest Thoroughbreds in the nation arrived for the inaugural meeting of Pimlico," wrote Austin.

■ "Purses Raised, Days Increased, Maryland Fund Hiked by Legislation Enacted in Annapolis" was the headline after Gov. Marvin Mandel, Racing Commission chairman Newton Brewer Jr., Sen. Jim Clark and others pushed through a major racing bill (Senate Bill

37) that included increasing mile-track seasons from 156 days to 180 days; and a pari-mutuel take increase from 13 to 15 percent from each dollar bet to be divided among the purses, Maryland Fund, mile tracks and State of Maryland. Editor Snowden Carter wrote: "Its importance is incalculable. It is the difference between the big leagues and the minors, the first class and the shoddy."

■ Dr. John R.S. Fisher was prepping two favorites for the Maryland Hunt Cup—his own defending winner, Landing Party, and George Weymouth's Island Stream. Fisher and his wife Dolly, both from horse-oriented Maryland families, trained on their 95-acre Glenderro Farm in Coatesville, Pa. A non-practicing veterinarian, Fisher noted "I was never a good rider. But I've got two things going for me: Experience and confidence in myself. These things come with age."

25 years ago

■ The region lost one of its best racehorses and sires when Caveat died of an apparent heart attack at Northview Stallion Station in Chesapeake City, Md. He was 15.

Caveat was bred in Maryland by Jim Ryan's Ryehill Farm and campaigned by a partnership that included Ryan, Robert Kirkham and August Belmont, who celebrated a win by the Woody Stephens trainee in the 1983 Belmont Stakes-G1. Retired to Northview after the Belmont due to an injury sustained during the race, Caveat went on to top the region's general sires list three consecutive seasons, 1991, '92 and '93, and established himself as one of the nation's premier turf sires.

Caveat was also the leading sire of 1995. From 11 crops, he had progeny earnings of nearly \$26 million. His 39 stakes winners were topped by \$3.2 million-earner and four-time Grade 1 winner Awad, plus additional Grade 1 winners Timely Warning and Ops Smile.



Longtime Maryland trainer Barbara "Bobby" Kees with her homebred For Yourself, an 11-time winner who raced nine years.

■ Barbara Kees, Maryland's longest-active woman trainer, was at the top of her game with homebred stakes-winning half-brothers South Bend (by Roman Bend) and Mr. Moby Dick (by Horatius). Known by everyone as Bobby, the 74-year-old Kees was based at her Road's End Farm in Sparks, Md. She bred South Bend on a shoestring—sending her mare Lydia Ann to blue-collar runner Roman Bend, owned by fellow trainer and friend Ellis Pruce, for free. South Bend was (at the time) the only foal for his sire.

■ Maryland-bred Corrazona was retired after exiting the Grade 1 Santa Maria Handicap, her second start of the year, with an ankle chip. The daughter of El Gran Senor had turned in her best season the year before with two graded victories, one the Grade 1 Beverly Hills in which she defeated national champions Hollywood Wildcat and Flawlessly. Bred by a partnership that included Diane and Larry Rachuba's Willow Wood Farm,

Corrazona raced for the La Presle Farm of Jacques Wertheimer, who purchased her as a weanling at Keeneland for \$550,000. The 5-year-old chestnut mare, who started her career in France, earned \$513,919 from 17 starts.

Corrazona produced a dozen foals for brothers Alain and Gerard Wertheimer, who took over not only the racing stock, but also the famed House of Chanel, when their father Jacques died in 1996. Five foals were stakes performers, including Olmodavor (by A.P. Indy), a multiple graded stakes winner of \$706,540. Her stakes-winning daughter Slow Down (by Seattle

Slew) is the granddam of 2020 Tampa Bay Derby-G2 winner King Guillermo.

■ Laurel Park's Turf Festival, including the Washington, D.C., International-G1, All Along Stakes-G2 and Laurel Dash-G3, was canceled for 1995. Plans called for the Turf Festival to be transferred to Colonial Downs in New Kent, Va., in 1996.

■ Successful owner, breeder and trainer Jack Mobberley, 66, died at Summer Hill Farm in West Friendship, Md., following an eight-month battle with cancer. At the time he was vice president of the Maryland Horse Breeders Association, and MHBA executive vice-president and *Maryland Horse* editor Rich Wilcke wrote in a remembrance of the Virginia native: "No one is irreplaceable? Don't bet on it. Whoever coined that phrase didn't meet John Calvin Mobberley. . . He will be missed for his good humor as much as his level-headed approach to the issues."

■ *Ben Nevis II, one of American steeplechasing's all-time greats, died at 27 from colic at trainer/rider Charlie C. Fenwick Jr.'s farm in Butler, Md. The legacy of the roguish runner included becoming the third U.S.-based winner of the English Grand National (in 1980), and winning his second Maryland Hunt Cup (in 1978) in a course record 8:33⅓. *Ben Nevis II was buried on the landing side of the 13th jump of the Grand National course in Butler, which was located on part of Fenwick's farm.

**Ben Nevis II was inducted into the National Museum of Racing Hall of Fame in 2009, joining the two previous American winners of the English Grand National: Battleship and Jay Trump.*

75 years ago

■ On a trip to Maryland's Eastern Shore, Humphrey Finney stopped by Glen Riddle Farm in Berlin and headed to the training barn, where the horses owned by Walter Jeffords and Sam Riddle were being kept in light training. Among those was Jeffords' 2-year-old champion Pavot. Finney had high praise for the son of Case Ace: "Pavot is clean as a hound's tooth, and as sound as a bell, to use too well worn similes. In conformation he is hard to fault. . . His action is faultless."

Jeffords had 14 runners, all overseen by Oscar White. Another Case Ace

3-year-old, Ace Card, was described as "an old-fashioned sort of filly and a good going, free moving sort." Eight juveniles included the "aptly-named" Jamestown colt Natchez, out of Creole Maid.

Pavot went on to win that year's Belmont Stakes; Ace Card, a stakes winner at 2 and 3, became the dam of four stakes winners, led by Belmont winner and Horse of the Year One Count; Natchez won the 1946 Travers.

■ As the ban on racing continued, the original entry blank which called for the Preakness to be run during Pimlico's spring meet had the following conditions provided: "If no meeting is run by the Maryland Jockey Club in 1945 all

subscriptions and fees for the 1945 Preakness would be refunded. . .

"If the owners [of eligible horses]. . . have any objection to its being run during a meeting other than the Spring meeting of 1945, the Maryland Jockey Club will refund [any fees] provided."

The Preakness was run that year on June 16, with Polynesian defeating eight others including Kentucky Derby winner Hoop Jr and Pavot.

■ R. Justin Funkhouser advertised two stallions standing at his O'Sullivan Farms at Blakeley Manor in Charles Town, W.Va. Rodney, by Broadside (a son of Man o' War) out of daughter of famed mare Frizette, and the great aged sire Supremus.

CALENDAR

Due to cancellations and restrictions caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak, check websites or contact event locations in advance to confirm dates.

MID-ATLANTIC TRACKS

Charles Town

P.O. Box 551, Charles Town, W.Va. 25414. (304) 725-7001; (800) 795-7001. Racing Secretary: Elizabeth Rogers. Racing dates: Jan. 8 to Dec. 31; www.ctownraces.com.

Colonial Downs

10515 Colonial Downs Parkway, New Kent, Va. 23124. (804) 996-7223; fax (804) 996-1565. Racing Secretary: Allison DeLuca. Racing dates: July 23 to Aug. 29; www.colonialdowns.com.

Delaware Park

777 Delaware Park Blvd., Wilmington, Del. 19804. (302) 994-2521; (800) 441-6587 (outside Del.); fax (302) 993-8952. Racing Secretary: Tom Creel. Racing dates: May 27 to Oct. 31; www.delawarepark.com.

Laurel Park

P.O. Box 130, Laurel, Md. 20725. (301) 725-0400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Jillian Tullock. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to May 3, May 29 to Aug. 23, Sept. 11 to Dec. 31; www.marylandracing.com.

Meadowlands

East Rutherford, N.J. 07073. (201) 842-5130. Racing Secretary: John Heims. Racing dates: Oct. 2 to Nov. 21; www.thebigm.com.

Monmouth Park

175 Oceanport Avenue, Oceanport, N.J. 07757. (732) 222-5100; fax (732) 571-8658. Racing Secretary: John Heims. Racing dates: May 2 to Sept. 27; www.monmouthpark.com.

Parx Racing

P.O. Box 1000, Bensalem, Pa. 19020-2096. (215) 639-9000; (800) 523-6886. Racing Secretary: David

Osojnak. Racing dates: Jan. 1 to Dec. 29; www.parxracing.com.

Penn National

P.O. Box 32, Grantville, Pa. 17028. (717) 469-2211; (800) 233-8238. Racing Secretary: Jenny Tipa. Racing dates: Jan. 3 to Dec. 19; www.pennnational.com.

Pimlico Race Course

5201 Park Heights Avenue, Baltimore, Md. 21215. (410) 542-9400; (800) 638-1859. Racing Secretary: Jillian Tullock. Racing dates: May 7 to May 25; www.marylandracing.com.

Presque Isle Downs

8199 Perry Highway, Erie, Pa. 16509. (866) 374-3386; pidinfo@pidowns.com. Racing dates: May 11 to Oct. 22; www.presqueisledowns.com.

Timonium

P.O. Box 188, Timonium, Md. (410) 252-0200. Racing Secretary: Georganne Hale. Racing dates: Aug. 28 to Sept. 7.

OTHER TRACKS

Aqueduct—Dec. 12 to April 19

Arlington Park—May 1 to Sept. 26

Belmont Park—April 24 to July 12

Belterra Park—April 24 to Sept. 25

Churchill Downs—April 25 to June 27

Ellis Park—June 28 to Sept. 6

Finger Lakes—April 25 to Nov. 25

Golden Gate Fields—Dec. 26 to June 14

Gulfstream Park—April 2 to Sept. 27

Hastings—April 26 to Oct. 18

Hawthorne—Oct. 2 to Dec. 26

Indiana Grand—April 14 to Nov. 18

Keeneland—April 2 to April 24

Lone Star Park—April 16 to July 19

Los Alamitos—June 24 to July 7

Louisiana Downs—May 2 to Sept. 23

Mahoning Valley—Jan. 1 to April 18

Mountaineer—April 26 to Dec. 2

Oaklawn Park—Jan. 24 to May 2

Prairie Meadows—May 1 to Sept. 26

Santa Anita—Dec. 26 to June 21

Sunland Park—Dec. 26 to April 21

Tampa Bay Downs—Nov. 27 to May 3

Thistledown—April 24 to July 12

Turf Paradise—Oct. 12 to May 3

Woodbine—April 18 to Dec. 13

MID-ATLANTIC AUCTIONS

Two-Year-Olds in Training

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. May 18, 19.

Midlantic Fall Yearlings

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Oct. 12, 13.

December Mixed

Fasig-Tipton Midlantic, Timonium, Md. (410) 392-5555 or 252-5860. Dec. 8.

OUT-OF-STATE AUCTIONS

Spring Two-Year-Olds in Training

Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. April 21-24.

Santa Anita Two-Year-Olds in Training

Fasig-Tipton California, Arcadia, Calif. (859) 225-1555. June 3.

June Two-Year-Olds and Horses of

Racing Age, Ocala Breeders' Sales Co., Ocala, Fla. (352) 237-2154. June 10-12.

REGIONAL RACE DAYS

Pennsylvania's Day at the Races

Parx Racing, Bensalem, Pa. (610) 444-1050; www.pabred.com. Aug. 1.

New Jersey Thoroughbred Festival

Monmouth Park, Oceanport, N.J. (732) 870-9718; www.njtbreds.com. Aug. 30.

West Virginia Breeders Classic

Charles Town, Charles Town, W.Va. (304) 725-0709; www.wvbc.com. Oct. 10.

Maryland Million

Laurel Park, Laurel, Md. (410) 252-2100; www.marylandmillion.com. Oct. 24.

NSA SPRING MEETS

Tryon Block House

Columbus, N.C. April 11.

My Lady's Manor

Monkton, Md. April 11.

Grand National

Butler, Md. April 18.

Middleburg Spring

Middleburg, Va. April 18.

Foxfield Spring, Charlottesville, Va. April 25.

Maryland Hunt Cup, Reisterstown, Md. April 25.

Queen's Cup, Mineral Springs, N.C. April 25.

Virginia Gold Cup, The Plains, Va. May 2.

Winterthur, Winterthur, Del. May 3.

Iroquois, Nashville, Tenn. May 9.

Willowdale, Kennett Square, Pa. May 9.

Radnor, Malvern, Pa. May 16.

Fair Hill, Laurel, Md. May 23.

SPRING POINT-TO-POINTS

Elkridge-Harford, Monkton, Md. April 4.

Old Dominion, Ben Venue, Va. April 4.

Brandywine Hills, Northbrook, Pa. April 5.

Loudon, Leesburg, Va. April 12.

Blue Ridge, Boyce, Va. April 19.

Middleburg, Middleburg, Va. April 26.

Howard County Cup, Brookeville, Md. May 2.

Potomac, Poolesville, Md. May 17.

CLINICS/SEMINARS

Penn Vet First Tuesdays Lecture

Series, New Bolton Center, Kennett Square, Pa. Admission free. (610) 925-6500; beltb@vet.upenn.edu; www.vet.upenn.edu/about/news-and-events/press-releases. *Emergency and Critical Care for the Colic Patient: It Takes a Village*, May 5; *Don't Go Breaking My Heart: Innovations and Safety in Cardiology*, June 2.

Mid-Atlantic Nutrition Conference

Mid-Atlantic Feed Industry Council Inc., Hunt Valley, Md. (301) 405-1547; www.ansc.umd.edu/extension/mid-atlantic-nutrition-conference; e-mail: jenreyn@umd.edu. Rescheduled dates TBA.

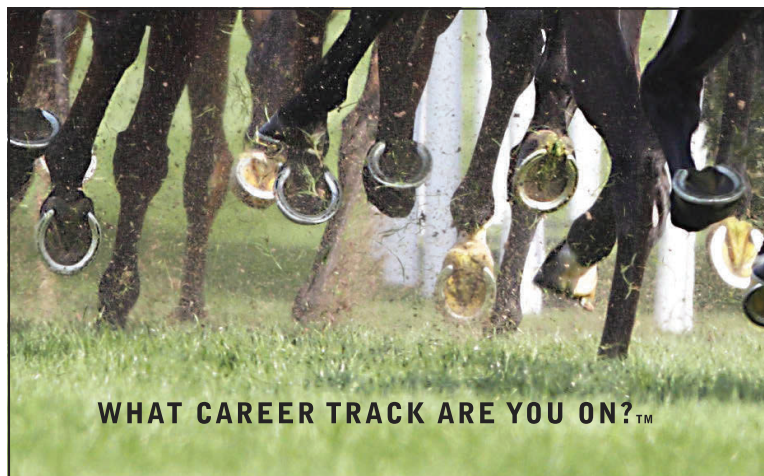
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Art, National Sporting Library & Museum, Middleburg, Va. www.nsl.org. (540) 687-6542. April 10 to Sept. 13.



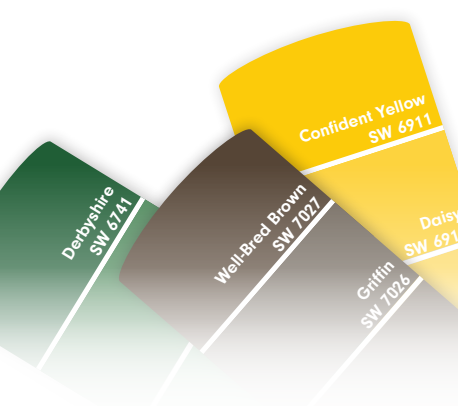
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Waiting for the blacksmith, the vet, post time for your horse's race? Maybe you just have a little time on your hands. Regardless, try this acrostic puzzle, created by writer (and word puzzler) Vinnie Perrone. Not quite a crossword puzzle, a little more than Sudoku, an acrostic tests your knowledge of racing and other trivia. When you're done, the puzzle reveals a quote from the *Mid-Atlantic Thoroughbred* archives and the speaker's name/topic. Solution provided next month.

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column, vertically, form acrostic of speaker's name and topic. NOTE: The puzzle contains no punctuation.

CLUES

WORDS

- A. Top portion of a dirt racetrack 35 22 78 120 60 10 156
- B. Hunt pack member 45 115 26 91 130
- C. Aid, as in a crime 96 70 143 126
- D. A.P. Indy son won '97 Blue Grass, sired Sky Mesa 6 109 36 48 66 131
- E. Winless racehorse 103 12 134 69 87 43
- F. For some time 17 118 101 46 81 145
- G. Site of controversial PA horse auction: 2 wds. 11 119 97 1 132 23 149 80 61 44
- H. Rode a horse leisurely 73 121 32 155 55 142
- I. He rode Canonero II's Derby/Preakness scores 53 153 33 68 83
- J. Footnote for a winner not whipped: 2 wds. 34 112 94 150 7 128 21 58 140
- K. Breakfast treats for a winning barn, perhaps 85 157 71 105 3 31 148 54 135
- L. German language spoken by Jews, written in Hebrew 51 139 24 122 14 77 98
- M. Host of the Legacy Cup steeplechase: 2 wds. 125 63 39 158 4 111 19 92 144 84 56
- N. Horse breed limited to 38 inches in height 79 104 18 124 50 138 30 40 64
- O. 'Club-footed Comet' won 1946 Triple Crown 152 9 27 99 42 123 59
- P. DVR option 29 67 146 93 113 5
- Q. Pres. Trump's frequent communication platform 100 20 116 62 137 37 8
- R. Central Cape Cod town 16 89 110 52 41 141 72 151
- S. Bump, as another runner 25 57 38 107 82 127
- T. Bizarre: 3 wds. 147 65 117 28 106 95 86 136 13 49
- U. Profited, less expenses 159 74 108 15 129 90
- V. Female sheep 102 75 154
- W. It enwraps an equine tendon 47 133 2 76 114 88

	1 G	2 W		3 K	4 M	5 P		6 D	7 J	
8 Q	9 O	10 A	11 G	12 E	13 T	14 L	15 U	16 R		
17 F	18 N	19 M		20 Q	21 J	22 A	23 G	24 L		
25 S	26 B	27 O	28 T		29 P	30 N	31 K		32 H	
33 I	34 J	35 A	36 D	37 Q	38 S		39 M	40 N	41 R	
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	136 T	137 Q	138 N	139 L	140 J	141 R	142 H	143 C		
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152 O	153 I	154 V		155 H	156 A	157 K	158 M	159 U		

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| A. Gunther | H. Rough Riders | P. Runt |
| B. Ron Howard | I. Rebound | Q. Ebert |
| C. At the window | J. Yvonne | R. Estee |
| D. Cat | K. Motherhood | S. Shug |
| E. Entry sheet | L. Afghan | T. Cheaters |
| F. Mooney | M. Needy | U. Abhor |
| G. Evert | N. Fought on | V. Phil Hauswald |
| | O. Isabelle | W. Effusive |




Springwater. Daniel Brewster helps a horse take a drink after a stiff workout at Maryland's Worthington Farms in April 1950.

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